



January 10th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday January 10th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
4:30 pm FLOW Dance

Saturday January 11th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 12th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
12:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday January 13th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 14th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 15th
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday January 16th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 17th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
10:00 am NEOSW Meeting

Saturday January 18th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 19th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday January 20th
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 January 21st
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

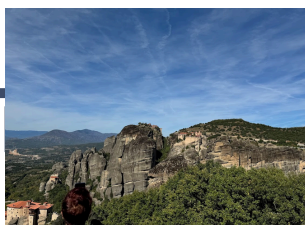
Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas Wrap Up

Thank you all for again supporting the folks at 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter with your generous donations of boots and socks for Christmas. On 12/20 we delivered 29 pairs of boots, 243 pairs of socks, 4 pairs of gloves, 1 hat, 4 pairs of underwear, 1 set of thermals, and 4 large bags of clothing to the shelter. As always, grace abounds from all of you in serving those in need! Look for more ways to serve/support LMM in 2025! With heartfelt thanks, Shawn & Diane Merhaut (on behalf of the Engagement Committee)



Greece Presentation

Come and hear the stories and see the sites from our trip to Greece. We will have two offerings, the first on Wednesday, January 29th from Noon to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The second will be a potluck lunch and presentation (bring a dish and/or a salad or dessert to share) at 7 pm - 8:30 pm - Presentation only - in the sanctuary!



SOAP Bible Study 2025

As we enter this new year of 2025, the Monday Night Bible Study group is starting a multiple week series focused on the topic of Covenant. This group uses the SOAP Bible Study method for personal study and group discussion. This method seems fit for those new to Bible Study and for those with decades of Study. Especially if spiritual development is on your heart and mind, we invite you to this study. We meet at 7 PM each Monday, both in-person and live on Zoom. Most often we are sitting in the narthex by the fireplace this time of year. If you are interested, please speak with Tom Robinholt, Diane or Walter Diekroger, Rich Balch, or Mark Givens.

For regular SOAP news this is the planned schedule for January.

January 13: Genesis 14:17-15:21, Psalm 50

January 20: Genesis chapters 16-17, Psalm 111

January 27: Leviticus 26, Psalm 80



2025 SOAP Bible Study!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

On February 2nd Susie Asadorian, Chapter President of Sleep in Heavenly Peace Cuyahoga West will be at both services to speak to us about their organization.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national 501 (C)(3) non-profit charity that builds and delivers beds to children in need. SHP OH-Cuyahoga W is providing a good night's sleep to children in 12 zip code areas in the western portion of Cuyahoga County. Since their inception at the end of 2020 they have provided beds for over 750 local children.

This organization was introduced to the Engagement Committee by Prince of Peace member Chuck Sieving. He had previously participated in a "build" with another group and was very moved by his experience. We are excited about this project because it is something people of all ages can help with.

They are hoping that POP will consider financially sponsoring a build, by volunteering to help with the build and by holding a bedding drive.

Women's Discipleship

Women's Discipleship Group is looking for new members to join us. We are a small group of POP women and friends who meet on the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss books and issues concerning faith and Christian living. We will be starting a new book by Max Lucado titled "Grace" on January 20th at 7PM. We meet in the charter room. Contact Gail Pogue at 440-537-2915 if you need a book. They are also available on Amazon for 11.99 hardcover and 11.43 paperback. If you need financial assistance please contact Rusty Blakeslee at 440-823-2886.

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, January 24th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, located at 25779 Brookpark 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.

New Member Classes

New member classes January 26 and February 2 at 9 am in the charter room. Sign Up!
New Members will be recognized on Sunday, February 9 at both services.

**2025 New Year's Resolutions By
Tom Robinholt : POP Reporter
This week's feature : Spiritual Growth**

As we seek to build up The SOAP Bible Study Group, let us consider that we all have a variety of paths. Part 2 of this focus follows. Our good friend Dick Hardy sums it up well in his poem!

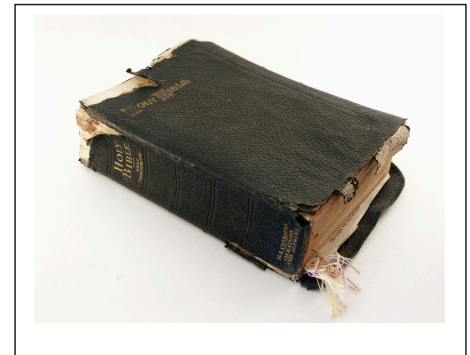
My Old Friend

When I first met you, I was so excited
Your friends all spoke highly of you
But I soon felt somewhat misguided
I just didn't understand, and I withdrew

I wanted to be with you and learn more
To know what you wanted to do and say
To absorb your teaching and be ashamed no more
Although I tried, I stumbled, to my dismay
Slowly, ever so slowly, I learned to listen
With other's help, I paid close attention
I changed my thinking and predisposition
I embraced you again with the warmest affection
Your wonderful stories amaze and intrigue me
I can no longer ignore the sincerity of your truth
You tell me that all you offer has always been free
Your ways are now easier to understand but so hard to do
I now spend much more time with you
But this evening, I grow tired reading by the fire
I mark my place and close your tattered cover
My old friend, my Bible

By Dick Hardy

2024



CHURCH WIDE ACTIVITY

Pocket Jesus

Take a Pocket Jesus home to remind you that Jesus is always with you.

AND take another to share or hide for someone else to find later!

Text Hilary your pictures of where you hid Pocket Jesus to be used in a future service!



Send pics to
Hilary: 216-258-1639

Prince of Peace Youth and Congregational

Activity Sticker Bottles

HOW IT WORKS:

Step 1: Buy a bottle for \$10
(supports youth group activities)

Step 2: Join us for activities and service projects

Step 3: Earn a sticker for attending



Collect all the stickers!

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Sunday Jan. 12th
12:15pm
Fellowship Hall



Join us for your choice of Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, or Tomato soup with a Grilled Cheese sandwich



Free will offering supports future Christian Education events



FRIDAY MARCH 7TH GAME STARTS @ 7PM

Rocket Mortgage Field House

Sign up by January 1st
for a chance to sit on
the bench during
player practice and
meet players!

1-2-3 NIGHT

\$1 Sodas

\$2 Hot Dogs

\$3 LaBatt Blue Beers

ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS WELCOME

SIGN UP SHEET IN FRONT OF CHRISTIAN ED OFFICE

*Get your water bottle activity sticker at the game!



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 week 1. 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.



Sunday, January 12, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Claudette Plavan	
Hilary Mason	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	
Ron Peckham	
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

December 29	Judy Kazak
	Bob (Diane Fortuna's friend)
January 5	Sue (Cindy Zinram's cousin)
	Family and friends of Vickie Groenke (Pastor Charlie and Lisa Woodward's friend who recently passed away)
	Family of Alice (sister of Mryta Holden's friend Jim)
	Patrice and her family (daughter of Linda Gareau)
	Family of Mary Lee Fidler (family of Barb & Dan Fronczak)
January 12	Elayna Gros
	Darell Doossis (Mike Piskunoff's friend)

Happy Birthday

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\

Date	Online	In Person	Total
01/05/2025	48	110	158
12/29/2024	25	100	125
12/24/2024	67	296	363
12/22/2024	28	154	182

1/27 PhilSprague
 1/28 Patty Beard
 1/29 Molly Fortuna
 1/29 Nicholas Hrouda
 1/31 Jim Heimbuch



1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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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.

Second Harvest

The requested items for January are:

Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Nov. 30th, 2024:	\$432,010	\$9,191.70
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date: 89%		
<i>We need to average \$50,000 per month to reach budget! Please give abundantly & cheerfully</i>		
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$53,990	\$10,798
Total Expenses incurred through 11/30/24	\$440,164	\$9,365.19
<i>Deficit for 2024 as of 11/30/2024 = \$8,154</i>		



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