



Peace CONNECTION

5/10/23

Wednesday May 10th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday May 11th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW Family Day
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 12th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 13th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 14th
Happy Mother's Day!
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study

Monday May 15th
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 May 16th
10:00 am Discovery Group
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday May 17th
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday May 18th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 19th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
4:00 pm El Salvador Fund Raiser

Saturday May 20th
Car Show! 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 21st
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
11:00 am Gross Family Baptism
7:00 pm Council Meeting

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

Young at Heart Lunch

The Prince of Peace "Young of Heart" group had a very good lunch at Harry Buffalo last Friday. It's always great to get together with your church friends and have good conversations and a good meal.



Our next outing will be on Friday, May 26 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder Restaurant, located at 7989 Columbia Rd. in Olmsted Falls. All are welcomed.

Nursery Attendant Wanted

We are looking for a new nursery attendant for Sunday mornings?

Are you or anyone you know interested? Please contact the church office for more information.



Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show

Saturday May 20, Noon - 4pm (Rain Date Sunday May 21)



Please plan on stopping by this outreach event where we will be honoring Major Skufca and all of our veterans. For those who are unfamiliar with Major Skufca, he was a beloved member of our church who left us two years ago at the age of 102. He was a regular at the 9am service and shared his experiences of flying a fighter plane in the Pacific theater in WW2. Bob baked cookies for delivery to first time visitors. He also loved fishing and fast cars! He took part in a number of the Westlake July 4th parades. To honor his memory and the service of all veterans, we are making this an annual event in support of hunger relief. This year we are working with the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Lorain, Ohio. No cost to attend the show, just donate some cash or non- perishable food items. To increase our cash support, our General Endowment will match 100% of the cash donations up to \$2,000!



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31:	\$138,104	\$10,623
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	31%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget: \$308,396		\$7,908
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$326,396	\$8,369



A Warm Welcome!

Please give our new members a warm welcome when you see them around!

- Pamela Brichta
- Karen Davis
- Joyce Hayward
- Mary Lasky
- Kimber Pappas
- Allison Peluso & Tony Perez - (Children: Abby & Aaron)
- Marie Witt



Allison, Tony, Abby & Aaron



Kimber Pappas



Pamela Brichta

PASTA

Dinner



FRIDAY MAY 19TH
7PM FELLOWSHIP HALL
ADULTS \$15
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$8

HELP US GET TO EL SALVADOR!

Join us for a chef made meal where 100% of the proceeds support the cultural immersion trip to El Salvador!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

10 raffle baskets including: CLE Sports, Wine'd Down, Pamper Yourself, Kids Fun, handmade quilts, and 5 special Latin American baskets! 50/50 drawing and music at the event!

SEE HILARY FOR DINNER TICKETS

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)

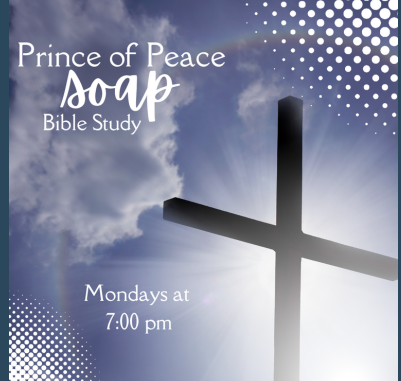
Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



SOAP Bible Study

Future schedule of readings:

- 5/15: Isaiah 43 & Acts 15
- 5/22: Acts 16 & 17 (prelude to Philippians)
- 5/29: Memorial Day holiday
- 6/5: Philippians 1
- 6/12: Philippians 2
- 6/19: Philippians 3
- 6/26: Philippians 4



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!



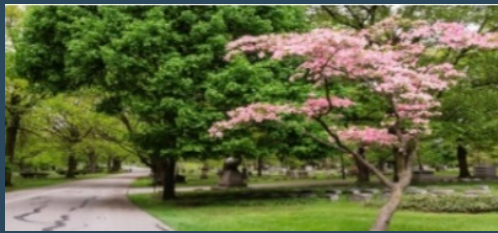
Travel Quest

LAKEVIEW CEMETERY WALKING TOUR, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Tuesday, MAY 16@ 10:00am. Guided Walking tour \$15/person. Sign-up by May14. Transportation will be Car-pool leaving at 9 am from POP.

Following the tour we will have lunch in Little Italy.

Questions, contact Tom Splawski!





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For: EVERYONE ~ married couples ~ non married people

At Messiah Lutheran Church
21485 Lorain Ave.
Fairview Park, Oh

Please enter the building on the west side
off W. 215 street.
Look for the *Entrance* sign.



Sign up to attend here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AEAD2DA2F58-the5love>

or e-mail one of the following couples:

Jean & David Fell davidjeanfell@hotmail.com

or

Ruth & Dale Mortensen d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net

Ohio Lutheran MarriageEncounter
community is offering a one day
mini-retreat on the
Five Love Languages by Gary
Chapman

Saturday, September 16, 2023

12:00- Pizza & Salad lunch (free will offering)
12:45-3:00 Presentation, conversation &



Matthew 20:17-28

17 While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, 18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; 19 then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised."

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. 21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." 23 He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24 When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 26 It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Moms can be so embarrassing! (Dads too!).

While we don't hear what the reaction is of the sons of Zebedee, I wouldn't be surprised if they were embarrassed by their mother's request of Jesus.

This is the third time Jesus had told his disciples that he would be crucified.

The first time, Simon Peter rebukes Jesus, and receives a rebuke in response from Jesus, who says, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16)

The second time he tells them, they are greatly distressed, but no one speaks to Jesus about it (they remembered the response Peter got!). Instead, the disciples discuss who among them is the greatest. (Matthew 17 and 18)

And now the third time, it is as if they had heard this message before – had they become numb to it?

Instead of focusing on the message, Mrs. Zebedee boldly asked Jesus for a favor – some prominent seats when his kingdom is established. Would Jesus be willing to make to make that happen? James on one side, and John on the other?

So Jesus asked the boys if they would be able to drink the same cup that Jesus was about to drink. Their response? "Sure, why not. We can do that?"

In a few short days, Jesus will be in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night he was betrayed.

From Matthew 26:36-40:

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. 38 Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping;

Are you able? No.

If we were able, we wouldn't need a savior. In DaVinci's painting of the Last Supper, Mom gets her wish – seated on either side of Jesus at the table are James and John.

Yet when it comes to suffering and dying, as Jesus had told his followers three times, we find two criminals.

When we look to find the King of kings and Lord of lords, he is on the floor, a towel around his waist, a basin at his side, washing the feet of his followers.

And when we look to find the dead body of the one who was crucified and laid in a borrowed tomb, we find two messengers announcing the news that the tomb is NOT where Jesus is to be found.

For each time Jesus shared with the disciples that he would die, he also told them he would rise after three days.

As for seats in the kingdom of God? Jesus also told his disciples he goes ahead of them (and us) to prepare a place for them (and us). As I have said before, the kingdom of God is like Disney World in this way – there are no bad seats in the Kingdom of God.

Don't worry, Mom. Jesus has us covered!

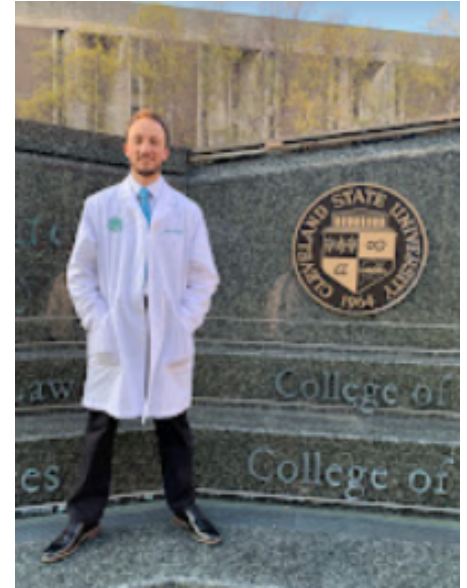
Christ is Risen. Risen Indeed – ALLELUIA and AMEN!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, thank you for knocking us down when we get too high on ourselves. Thank you for lifting us up when we hit the bottom. Use us as your fellow workers in your vineyard to care for all of your creation, made in Your image. We pray this in the name of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.



**“Member Profile”
This weeks feature:
Jon Covell**



Jon was born in Brookpark, Ohio and grew up in North Olmsted. He has a sister, Elise and his parents Dave and Laurel are long time members at Prince of Peace. He attended North Olmsted High School . Upon graduation he went on to further his education at Kent State University and Cleveland State University. He earned a Bachelor’s in Exercise Science and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

His skills have been used as a caregiver and Jon will be looking for Physical Therapy positions once he passes the licensure exam at the end of April. This rigorous process will require extensive study to pass.

When his family joined POP around 20 years ago, Sunday School was a starting point. Teens Growing in Faith had conducted many fundraisers over the years where Jon had been involved. Youth Sunday Services showcased his guitar skills as well. He loved the Convergence Cafe and open discussion coffee groups as a teenager. As a part of the POP Youth Group, Jon made many connections and friendships that he still maintains today. Attending the ELCA 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans and an LYO Winter Youth Gathering in 2013 were part of his foundation here at POP. He occasionally attends services here with his parents.

His talents include playing guitar in the band and singing as well. In his free time, he enjoys music, running, bicycling, practicing Yoga and meditation. Cleveland offers many great live music performances he loves to go to. In my encounter with Jon, he has a kind demeanor and is very patient. He recently started dancing with a group that uses all different types of music to meditate and spread love to each other and the world.

Jon will provide compassionate care as he progresses through the healthcare system. Many are in need of these types of therapies, and I know he will continue to strive for excellence in all of his endeavors. God will be by his side as he practices his skills! We wish him much success and look forward to future visits.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Prayer LIST

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Charlotte	Great granddaughter of Jan Schoch
Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
James Arrigo	
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	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

April 23	Mike Garrigan, and his family George Bannon (Pat Sprague's brother)
April 30	Al Tielke Diane Fortuna Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's Aunt) Dan Schoch (Jan Schoch's son)
May 7	Cindy Olen (Terry MacKenzie's sister-in-law) Deion Williams



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
05/07/2023	28	133	161
04/30/2023	36	129	165
04/23/2023	37	156	193
04/16/2023	64	146	210

05/01 Dineen Terstage
 05/01 Jim Lappin
 05/02 Abbie Gleespen
 05/02 Lillian Franz
 05/03 Brian Drobnak
 05/03 Grant Commick
 05/05 Ellen Oster
 05/06 Lois Smilor
 05/07 Ben Blakeslee
 05/07 Lillian Fortuna
 05/08 Dave Saunders
 05/09 Josh Dragony
 05/12 Diane Karp
 05/12 Joyce Wood

05/12 Margaret Bailey
 05/14 Cassandra Frey
 05/14 Gloria McClellan
 05/14 Jason Franz
 05/15 Brianna Lehman
 05/16 Hailey Vitko
 05/18 Stephanie Pogachar
 05/19 Blake Beard
 05/22 Ron Filkill
 05/24 Addison Kovach
 05/27 Robert Mayer
 05/28 Craig Jagels
 05/29 Jerry Karp
 05/31 Jeff Babinski
 05/31 Logan Vitko

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie
 05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
 05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
 05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna
 05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
 05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
 05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
 05/29 Tracy & Tom Biller
 05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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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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