



# Peace Connection 1/18/23

Wednesday January 18th  
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday January 19th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday January 20th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 21st  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 22nd  
7:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study

Monday January 23rd  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 24th  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 25th

Thursday January 26th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting  
6:00 International Dinner  
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday January 27th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday January 28th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
5:30 Sisters in Spirit  
6:30 Open Mic Night

Sunday January 29th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Christian Education

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

## The Prince of Peace Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2022 at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.



## Lifeline Screening

Lifeline is offering a FREE screening package! Which includes: carotid artery screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm, PAD Screening & Atrial Fibrillation Screening. Valued at \$149.00  
Pre-registration is required for screenings by calling: 1-800-772-8260 OR you may register online by visiting [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

## Young at Heart Lunch

January 27th at 12:30 pm  
Hop Brothers Brewing in North Ridgeville  
Any questions, please contact Kathy Kettler at 216-318-0317.



## Sisters in Spirit

Movie Night at PoP! Bring your own meal (take out or home cooked) Saturday, January 28th 5:30pm-9pm in the High School Youth Room  
Please invite friends and also please let me know if you can come! Contact Joan Drobnak with any questions, [jdrobn@gmail.com](mailto:jdrobn@gmail.com)



## Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Is the cold keeping you inside?

On Sundays, you can worship with us online!

Please visit our [website](#) where we will Livestream our Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



## SOAP Bible Study

SOAP Bible Study will be meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm. The meetings will be in Narthex or choir area.

All are welcome!

Group Discussion using the S.O.A.P method  
Scripture; Observation; Application; Prayer

For questions, please contact Mark Givens at [mpgivens@ameritech.net](mailto:mpgivens@ameritech.net)

Prince of Peace  
*Soap*  
Bible Study

Mondays at  
7:00 pm

## Constitution and bylaws

At the congregational meeting in February we will be updating the constitution and bylaws. Please follow the link if you would like to review them. Email Dave Covell with questions. [thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com).

<https://www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/bylaws-and-documents>



## Open Mic Night

Saturday, January 28th at 6:30.  
Please join, all are welcome!



# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



From PC's PC (Pastor Charlie's Personal Computer!)

## John 1:43-51

*43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

Jesus calls the first disciples. But these weren't the first preachers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remember the shepherds? We are told that after they had come to see the newborn king, they returned praising God for all they had heard and seen.

Listen to what Luther said about the shepherds.

*"The shepherds returned." Where to? To their sheep. Oh, that can't be right! Did they not leave everything and follow Christ? Must not one forsake father and mother, wife and child, to be saved? But the Scripture says plainly that they returned and did exactly the same work as before. They did not despise their service, but took it up again where they left off with all fidelity and I tell you that no bishop on earth ever had so fine a crook as those shepherds.*

Luther's insight into "calling" and "vocation" erases then the distinction between "secular" and "sacred." The shepherds didn't leave their sheep and start a monastery. They went back to their divine calling, being shepherds. Luther quotes 1 Corinthians 7:20 – "Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him."

By referring to this passage Luther doesn't mean that we shouldn't change jobs or switch vocations as we go through life. What Luther is getting at is that one occupation is not more "sacred" than another. We don't have to do something religious to serve God. We are all saved by grace and are called to love God by serving others. We fall into the same error as the people of Luther's day when we think that to really serve God means that a person will become a pastor or missionary or that such a "calling" is worth more and brings us closer to God. Not on your life!

Divine "callings" are not the supposedly "spiritual" work of priests, monks, and nuns. Luther exalts common, ordinary labor and our roles in life as something God "calls" us to do. Wherever we are, there we are called. If we cannot serve God there; if God cannot work through us there to serve our neighbor in love, then we should change. But our "calling" is nothing less than participating with God in caring for his creation and getting our neighbor loved. That makes what we do "sacred."

What we are called to do is proclaim what we hear and see, in whatever vocation we have been given. Listen, God is calling!

*Let us pray: Here I am Lord. It is I Lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will follow where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen*

## “Member Profile”

*This Week’s Feature :*

*Michael and Patricia Pietraroia*



Michael was born in Cleveland and grew up there while he attended St. Edward High School. As a member of IBEW Local 38 , he went through a 4 year electrical apprenticeship program in Cleveland. He followed that with 2 years of study at TRI-C and a BSBA degree in Corporate Management from Chancellor University. Patricia was born in Akron and grew up in Cuyahoga Falls and Green Township, attending Green High School. She earned a Business Education degree at the University of Akron.

Patricia has 4 brothers in her family, Michael has 1 brother. They met at The Glass Parrot in Willoughby, Ohio. Patricia has had a diverse career history including positions at several Akron Institutions. Using skills she gained in college, her teaching assignments at Norton City Schools, The University of Akron, and Adult Education at Akron City Schools were important contributions to the community. Most recently she has worked at Cuyahoga Community College for 13 years mainly as Program Manager for the Construction Trades Apprenticeship Program.

Michael has also focused his efforts in the field that he studied during college. During 10 years in electrical construction with Local 38 in Cleveland, as well as 31 years at Ford Motor Company holding many positions including Health and Safety Rep for Local Union 1377 , he achieved much success. His experience also included teaching electrical theory, electrical code, blueprint reading and OSHA classes at TRI-C.

During their marriage of 32 years they raised 2 daughters, and know this blessing to them is very special. Rachel age 31 and Lauren age 29 still live locally and are able to see them often. The oldest has 2 boys and one girl. They enjoy taking care of the 3 month old granddaughter at least 2 days a week! Their youngest daughter gives them much to be proud of as a dedicated and amazing nurse.

They had begun to seek out a new home church that was a better fit for their values and religious perspective. They officially became members in September 2021. Michael and Patricia are especially thankful to Bud and Sandee Zanders for introducing them to POP and discovering a wonderful and welcoming congregation! The activities and missions they are part of include Tables of Eight and various fundraising events.

During his free time, Michael enjoys golf, reading, keeping up with current events, home projects that include their daughter’s new home, watching the grandchildren and traveling as time allows. An interesting fact about him is that he graduated college the same year their daughter Rachel graduated from high school. Patricia stays busy with her interests in reading, crafts, working out, baking, occasionally sewing, and of course watching the 3 grandchildren. Members may not know that she attended the University of Akron for 7 years of night school to graduate with her BS in Business Education (while also working full time and several part time positions).

As they usually sit in front of Lora and myself at the contemporary service, I know we will continue to learn more about them. When “Sharing the Peace” we can see them continuing to grow in Faith along with the congregation. The family they are part of here at Prince of Peace will always share our Love of God and each other on Sundays, and every day of the week!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

# OMNI Medical Mission Trip July 2023

OMNI is planning a medical mission trip to Zambia around July 7-20 th . OMNI has historically done these trips annually up until 2020 when the pandemic hit. They are looking for medically trained people to join them (i.e. doctors, nurses, EMT's, etc.). Karen Throckmorton, President of OMNI, will lead the team. Members of the team raise the funds to cover the trip costs. Prince of Peace has been a sponsor of people on previous trips to serve the absolute poor children and communities surrounding OMNI's school in Zambia. This will be a life changing opportunity if you are willing to go. Please contact OMNI board members Jon Wilhelm (everythingbutceramics@yahoo.com) or Charlie Koch (treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) if you are interested.



## Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)

You can also just text the word **Give** to the number below to get started:  
(866) 863-5410



## 2022 Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/week
Total Giving as of November 30th:	\$371,500	\$7,740
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	93%	
<u>Giving Required to Meet 2022 Projected:</u>	<u>\$41,100</u>	<u>\$10,275</u>
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$73,500	\$18,375

**NEW**   
**UPDATE**

## Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of January, requested items are canned beef stew and canned vegetables. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you! [Learn more](#)

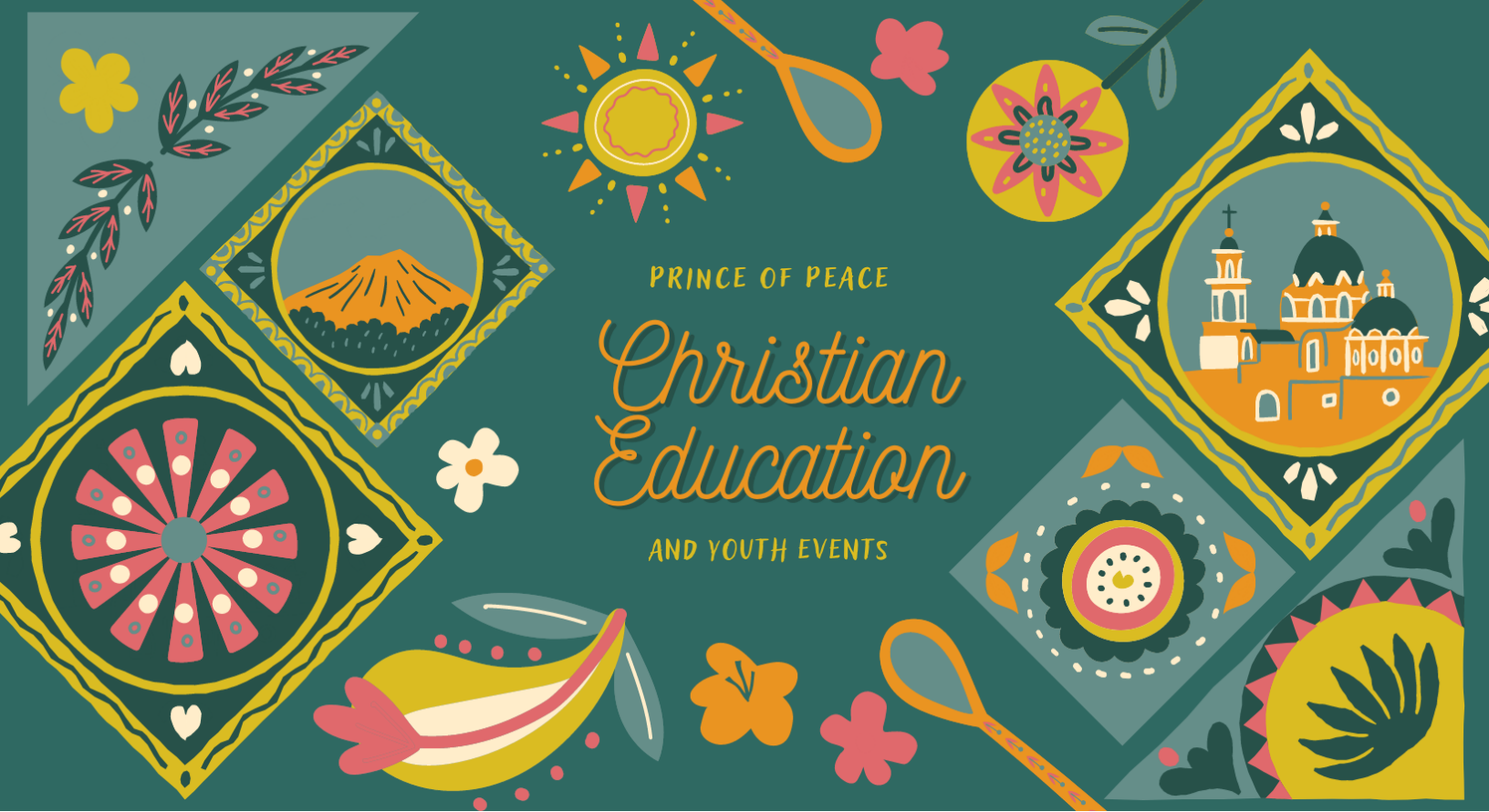


## PoP Choir

Choir rehearsals for the fall season are Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcomed to join us for rehearsals, and no prior experience is required.





- January 22nd - Red Cross Blood Drive
- January 26th - International Dinner, cuisine TBD 6pm
- February 24th - Cleveland Monsters Game in Suite (and Beverly's Birthday!), 18 spots available for families, 7pm game
- February/March - Cleveland School of the Arts Black History Month choir performance, details TBA
- Feb - May- Guardians, Charge, and Cavs games for youth and CE - Outside events for little kids (Skyzone, Jumpyard, Play CLE, Bowling, etc.)
- June 26 - July 3rd - Cultural Immersion trip to El Salvador for upper high school and college students and graduates/young adults

# INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES



**SYRIANA**

Mediterranean Cuisine

**THURSDAY JAN. 26TH**  
**6PM**

26920 Center Ridge Road Westlake



Seats Limited to 12  
people! Please text  
Hilary to sign up  
216.258.1639

\*\*Ample parking in lot

Join us in

# EL SALVADOR

## Experiential Trip

Immerse yourself in the culture of Central America and build lasting relationships with local students

## Seeking:

High School Seniors and Young Adults

12 spots available

## Itinerary Overview:

- Field day event at local school
- Historical tour of the Museum of Martyrs
- Visit University of Central America
- Learn about local agriculture and site visit
- Afternoon/evening reflections and prayers

June 26-July 3rd



Contact Hilary Lucas to  
reserve your spot  
before March 1st!



# Prayer Concerns

*Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:* Diane Schlegel and her family, Joan Gruber, the Sweeney family, the family of Brian Easterday, Warren Marsh, Jan Schoch, Aidan Lewis, Donna Kucera, the Claus family, Jennifer Preising, Jessica Carimi, Brad Davidson, Al Tielke, Aidan Lewis, and Brad Davidson.

*Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:* Charlotte, Renn, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey, Tony Cacciatore, Don Chrismar, Patty Doran, Marcia Drysdale, Dawn Higgins, Jayne Kramic, Deanne Lahner, Angela Missig, Jenn Pitts, Eric and Nicole Quinn, Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke, Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny, Robert Sieving, and Al Tielke.

*Please notify the office of prayer concerns. These names will be shared with our prayer chain ministry & remain on our prayer list during Sunday worship for 3 weeks.*



## Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/15/2023	131	149	250
01/08/2023	40	136	176
01/01/2023	64	59	123

WEDNESDAYS



# Happy Birthday



1/3 Ashley Alspach  
 1/3 Chris Hallowell  
 1/3 Noah Katrincsak  
 1/5 Jan Filkill  
 1/6 James Braun Sr.  
 1/7 Jordyn Jagels  
 1/8 Mara Lipschultz  
 1/10 Audrey Swanson  
 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 Miller  
 1/21 Beth Comnick  
 1/23 Jane Wyant  
 1/25 Darlene Roman  
 1/25 Michael Pietraroia  
 1/26 Barb Fronczak  
 1/27 Dave Novotny  
 1/27 Phil Sprague  
 1/27 Suzann Creech  
 1/28 Patty Beard  
 1/29 Molly Fortuna  
 1/29 Nicholas Hrouda  
 12/31 Jim Heimbuch



1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

## Follow Us!



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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.