PEACE CONNECTIONS

October 28, 2020

Sign Up to Join Us for In-Person Worship Service ~ This Sunday, November 1, 2020

In this ever changing world we try our best to create a safe environment for all. Prince of Peace is following all health guidelines directed by our Governor and The Ohio Department of Health. ***Cuyahoga County is unfortunately back in the Red Zone.*** As the county continues to recover, the mask order placed on July 17th will still be in effect.

We understand that these times are hard and that many people have yet to feel comfortable being in a group setting, however for anyone who does feel comfortable returning, we hope to see you this **Sunday, November 1st** for our one, in-person service at 10:00 am. Our at-risk members are still encouraged to participate through digital worship until they are comfortable worshiping in-person. There will be a limited number of "family groups" in the sanctuary so we can maintain social-distancing (a family group is 1 to 5 people).

We have now been meeting together for 15 weeks. During the past few weeks we have continued to see an increase in attendance, however we still have not filled all of our reservation spots. We encourage you to continue signing up as you feel comfortable. And if the number of people wishing to attend exceeds the distancing layout, we will develop additional worship options. Please be flexible as we adapt to these new conditions.

As more is known about the health and safety considerations, we will adjust our worship opportunities. 1. Sit as a family group in areas marked "Seating Here". 2. Seating available for young families in narthex. 3. No singing. 4. Individual Communion Kits provided. 5. No nursery available. 6. As previously said, wear your mask please. Masks will be available from the ushers if you forget. 7. Arrive early so we can maintain social distancing before service. 8. Leave as a family group and exit to parking lot where you can socialize and maintain appropriate distance. ** As stated above, please remember that if you wish to socialize after worship, walk out to the parking lot to do so. We love seeing everyone come and worship together, however for the safety of everyone it is important to social distance and our Narthex does not provide proper spacing to do so. Thank you!**

RESERVATIONS: There are 19 family group spots on SignUpGenius. Sign-ups are available through **Thursday, October 29th** at 11:59 pm. A family group ranges from 1-5 people. If a family group has more than five, that family will need to reserve two different family group spots to cover their whole family. Please make sure to check that the date you are signing up for is **Sunday, November 1**. 1) Scroll down to date **11/01/2020**. 2) Click the box that says "Sign Up", a check mark should indicate that it has been chosen. 3) Once box is marked, click "Submit and Sign Up" button 4) Fill in you First and Last name, and in the comment box with the number of people you plan to attend, and if you need specific seating due to hard of hearing/vision, or preference. 5) Once everything is filled in click "Sign Up Now".

*If you have any complications or questions please call the church office. If no one can pick up the phone at the time of your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

PHONE RESERVATIONS: For those who do not have access to a computer or smartphone there are five family group spots available for reservations by phone. To reserve your spot please call the office at (440) 871-5565. Please leave a voicemail with your groups first and last name, the total amount of people in your group, and your phone number (so we can call back and verify your reservation was received, or to let you know that all the call reservations have been filled).

All Saints Sunday

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

Saturday Evening Program

Join us **Saturday, October 31st** at 5:00 pm for our online All Saints evening program (music and prayers). It will be an offering for personal remembrances. All Saints

** Denotes Members of Prince of Peace*

November 2019
Gerald Buckman, uncle of Judy Splawski

December 2019
Betty Keckler, friend of Sally Poirier
Ellie Griffin, sister of John Cuciak

January 2020
Bob Klecan, grandfather of Tom Alspach
Juta Kiisa, cousin of Lia Staaf
Milton Kaplan, relative Judy Cuciak
Carol Quinn, friend of Judy and John Cuciak

February 2020
Roger Van Gunten, friend of Mike and Sue Hosler

March 2020
*Ken Joseph
Larry Renman, brother of Judy Kazak
John Flores, son-in-law of Ron and Jan Filkill
(passed in March of 1949)

April 2020
Donna Wurz, friend of Lia Staaf
Melody Butuyan, aunt of Jann Daniels
Glenn Knight, friend of Judy and John Cuciak

May 2020

June 2020
*Donald Metz
*Mary Siller

July 2020

August 2020
Dolores Wiaktroski, mother-in-law of Judy Kazak
*Jack Uber
Don Southtown, friend of Lia Staaf
Dale Spencer, Friend of Jann Daniels
Cindee Friedlander Bissonnette, friend of John Cuciak

September 2020
Wayne Barnes, uncle of Craig and Jan Juhn
Barbara Binkley, friend of Mike and Sue Hosler
Ralph Jerome, father of Penny Kelly

October 2020
Marcella Markoff, friend of Lia Staaf
Rosemary Daniels, mother-in-law of Jann Daniels
Jason Trapnell, grandson of Don Chismar
Joan Splawski, sister-in-law of Tom and Judy Splawski
Margaret Faleer, grandmother of Ian Faleer
John D. Hill, friend of Judy and John Cuciak
Virginia "Ginnie" Caine Fogarty, friend of John Cuciak
Philip Ondrejech, friend of Judy and John Cuciak

Sunday Online Worship Services YouTube

This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our website where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Tom's Sunday sermon.

For those who prefer to worship earlier, our online worship service will now be available on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. ONLINE GIVING

Sundays at 6:00 pm!

Join us this **Sunday, November 1st** at **6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a gathering and service by reservation only. We will focus prayer on our nation just days before the election.

Look for an email later this week on how to sign-up for your reservation.

Second Harvest

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK EST. 1982 OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

For the month of **November - December** requested items are Cereal and Canned Soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Tune Into Our New Podcast, "Wrestling with the Faith"

Welcome to the "Wrestling with the Faith" (WWTF) podcast! In this series, we will be taking lessons from upcoming Sundays and discussing what they mean to us and to our lives. These discussions will be available on the first and third week of each month on the Prince of Peace YouTube channel. Get your thinking caps ready and let's have some great conversations!"

Check out our latest episode of the Wrestling with the Faith podcast! We discuss Matthew 22: 15-22 and if Jesus wants us to wrestle with our faith.

Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google...your choice!

November 1-8, 2020

Wednesday, October 28
12:00 pm Caring Connections
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, October 29
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:15 am PreK-2nd grade Virtual SS
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library

Monday, November 2
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH
6:30 pm Social Ministry
7:00 pm Council Exec Mtg

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November 4
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, November 5
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, November 8
Commitment Sunday
10:00 am In Person Worship Service *(by reservation)*
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:15 am 3-6th grade Virtual SS
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library
6:00 pm Council Meeting

Prince of Peace Youth

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Drive Thru Donut Event on Sunday!

As you know, 2020/2021 is going to be a very unique year as far as programming and Sunday School. But don't fear! We have plenty of great things in store for you!

Sunday School 2020/2021 - As of now, Sunday School will be completely virtual from September - December 2020. A schedule of classes, including times and live Google meet group links will be emailed after Rally Day.

STUDENTS THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU!
Please complete the following and send a separate email back to Hilary with the subject "Student Preferences 2020/2021"

1. What sports/music/school activities are you participating in this fall?
2. What are those activity schedules? (Please send me the details as members may like to attend and note if activities are closed to the public or have specific COVID restrictions/protocols).
3. Indicate your COVID comfort level for youth group events/activities. RED - I need to be very cautious and will not be attending any in person activities/events. YELLOW - I am being cautious and will attend some events, but I will practice social distancing and I will wear a mask at all times. GREEN - I am comfortable attending events in person and I will wear a mask as required.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Prince of Peace
Sunday, November 22nd from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sign up to donate at Red Cross
Masks required. Appointments required.

American Red Cross

It is my plan to make sure everyone is as safe as possible this year and that we can still have a fun time together. Thank you in advance for your answers! - Hilary Lucas

Get on Board and Follow Us!

Facebook ~ Instagram
email: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com
For more information, visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth

Adult Gospel Study

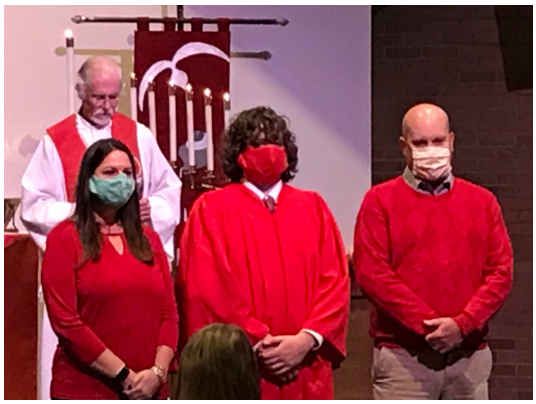
We have returned to the Adult Gospel Study, meeting each Sunday at 11:15 am in the Church Library, with options for larger space.

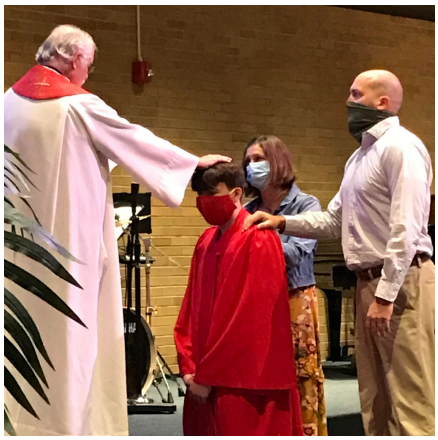
This class focuses on discussion of the Bible readings used each week during the Worship service. Discussion is open and informal and it is great to just listen. Beginners are welcomed.

For those who wish to join remotely, we also have a Zoom meeting. Please contact Mark Givens to get Zoom details. Mark: Mobile 440-668-1395; email mpgivens@ameritech.net

Rite of Confirmation

Thank you for helping us celebrate our young people this past Sunday as they affirmed their baptismal promises in the Rite of Confirmation.





Commitment Sunday, November 8, 2020

If you will be attending church on Sunday November 8, bring your commitment card to church.

- Commitment cards will be placed in the offering plates and not on the altar (due to Covid-19) social distancing practices.
- You can also mail in your commitment card. Church addressed envelope supplied in the packet you will get in the mail.
- Stewardship packets and commitment cards have been mailed out.
- We ask members to keep in mind that "Stewardship" is different from "Fund Raising".
- Stewardship is the response to the Lord's love for us by choosing to give back a portion of what the Lord has already given to us.
- We fund our church activities and support our Christian missions almost entirely fro your donations.
- It is important, during this difficult time of COVID-19 and social distancing, to remember that POP's operations and missions are continuing.
- We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to the Lord and to POP for 2021

Confirmation: Serve One Another In Love

Are you in need of some help? Our Confirmation students will be serving our congregation members this fall and we are looking forward to it!

If you are interested in receiving further information and would like a postcard, please email: Megan Harber at opw.officemanage@gmail.com ***and*** Judy Kazak at judykazak@yahoo.com We look forward to hearing from you!

The Season of Advent

In the Scandinavian Lutheran tradition candles are lit everyday during the season of Advent, not just on Sundays. We are looking for 22 volunteers to make a very brief video of someone/themselves in their home lighting a candle and reciting a very short prayer/reading. It does not need to be a candle in an Advent wreath. However, if you don't own an Advent wreath and would like to make your own, we've attached a link to a site with some creative ideas.

You will be provided with the reading for your day, but should feel free to substitute your own if you prefer. Just keep it short. If you have children in your home, it would be nice to involve them. We would like to see as many familiar faces as possible. We will be posting the videos daily on our FB page.

If you are interested, please send an email to the office princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

Caring Connection Members Needed

We recently began delivering cookies to our Caring Connection members. So far, we have only been able to deliver them to the front desk of our senior residences.

With more of the residences opening up to in-person visits, we will be needing additional volunteers. If you would like to join our group, please contact Judy Kazak at judykazak@yahoo.com Once a month, you would deliver cookies to one or two members and have a short visit with them. Both women and men are welcome.

Love INC Annual Coat Drive

As you clean out your closets to transition from summer to fall, keep Love INC in mind. The Annual Coat Drive will be taking place during the month of October.

Special precautions will be taken due to Covid-19. Fall & spring jackets along with heavier winter coats are needed. Thank you in advance for supporting our community.

Prince of Peace Blessing Box

Have you seen PoP's new Blessing Box? This is an emergency, self-serve FREE pantry, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's for anyone who has trouble buying things in a grocery store because of health or financial concerns. You don't need to sign up or ask permission to use the box -- just take what you need, when you need it.

The box is located outside POP, near the wheelchair ramp on the church's west side. It currently has food items including canned chicken, peanut butter, soup, beans, and crackers. It also has some household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.

POP members are encouraged to donate items in cans, boxes or plastic cartons. No perishables and no glass jars, please.

The box was created as an Eagle Scout project by Prince of Peace member [Nolan Gleespen], with assistance from Boy Scouts of Troop 208 and POP member John Cuciak.

Profile Communications ~ Judy Kazak

Throughout this Covid-19 pandemic I have been following the safe guidelines. I am wearing my mask; I am limiting contact with others, especially in large groups; I am trying to maintain the 6 feet distance. I have been actively working to coordinate members at POP to contact other members to keep in touch. Writing this communication is a good way for me to continue reaching out, and I encourage POP members to write their communication like this for the newsletter.

Coming to Christ is a hard story to tell, at least for me, because it's a personal story. I realize it is a powerful story for Christians to tell, so here goes. I grew up in Great Falls, Montana. I grew up in the Lutheran church. I remember that while in confirmation class, we had to take notes during the sermon each week. After high school, I drifted away from church. I didn't go to church when I was in college. After moving to Cleveland, I met my husband, Joe. We attended Parma Lutheran Church, where we were married. While there, we became very active. We taught Sunday School and were new member sponsors. Our three children were confirmed there. We then moved to North Olmsted and visited different Lutheran churches. We decided on Prince of Peace and joined when Landis Kaufman was Pastor. Joe passed away in 2000, and I have remained at POP.

So, I have been off and on in church attendance in my life, but I am active now. Do I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? I thinks so, but I also know that I have a long way to go. When I spoke to Dick about submitting this communication to the POP congregation, we talked about how I can continue to build that personal relationship. We talked about prayer, reading the Bible and interacting with other Christians. I am active in the latter, but my goal is to become more active in the first two. I think I am like many folks who know about the Bible but find it a challenge to read it by myself. Maybe a goal is to be involved with others in Bible study at POP. I do have a goal to pray every day to strengthen that important communication. One prayer I do have is that the Lord continues to strengthen and guide me.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Carole (family of Lia Staaf), Janice (daughter of Jane Carlson), Joyce (sister-in-law of Diane Fortuna), Sherman Bishop, Linda Gareau, Sami Jablonski (granddaughter of Judy Cuciak), Becky Kear, Michelle McGhee (daughter of Marilyn Wingfield). ***Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:*** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Ron Filkill, Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Midge Group (friend of Deb Gibbons), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Wendy Jenkins (friend of Deb Gibbons), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Dana Meier (friend of Deb Gibbons), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Toni Plute (sister of Charlie Koch), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Deanna Rose, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague). ***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.***

Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving - October 25, 2020:	$272,494
Budget for 43 Sundays:	$295,500
Giving Deficit as of October 25, 2020:	$(23,006)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	In Person	Online	Total
October 25, 2020	55	48	103
October 18, 2020	38	49	87
October 11, 2020	36	41	77
October 4, 2020	44	33	77

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/02 Mary Babinski
11/02 Kathleen Kettler
11/02 Tony Marquardt
11/03 Ann Estesen
11/04 Jack Dunnick
11/05 Jane Dillon
11/06 Austin Pogachar
11/06 Christine Tielke
11/07 Doug Olson
11/08 Madelyne Roman

Happy Anniversary!

11/03 Chris & Andrea Petta
11/12 Chip & Betsy Bailey
11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin

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Office Hours
During the Covid-19 crisis, our office hours are:
Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services
10:00 am online worship service

Christian Education
Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

Child Care
Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.