



## PEACE CONNECTIONS

August 5, 2020

### Sign Up to Join Us for In-Person Worship Service ~ This Sunday, August 9, 2020

Hello members of Prince of Peace,

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 still marked as a Level 3 Red Alert, meaning that Cuyahoga has hit 4-5 of DeWine's risk indicators. Due to continuing in the Red Zone, beginning on July 17th, face masks are now required by all to be worn in public areas.

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, August 9th** 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 worshipping 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 will not be singing in initial worship services. Individual communion kits will be offered. 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.

Sit as a family group in areas marked "Seating Here" Seating available for young families in narthex. No nursery available. Wear your mask please (exception for young children). Masks will be available from the ushers if you forget. Arrive early so we can maintain social distancing before service. Leave as a family group and exit to parking lot where you can socialize and maintain appropriate distance

**RESERVATIONS:** There are 19 family group spots on [SignUpGenius](#). Sign-ups are available through **Thursday, August 6 at 11:59pm**. 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 **August 9th**. 1) Scroll down to date **08/09/2020**. 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).



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 am.*

## Prince of Peace Adversity Fund

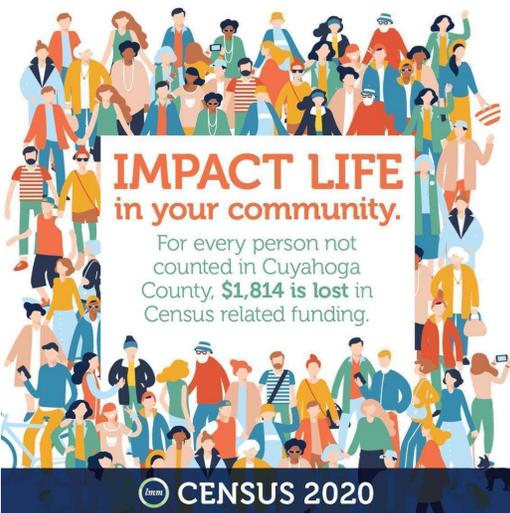
POP has set up an "Adversity Fund" to aid in dealing with the Covid-19 situation. The fund will help support non-budgeted spending needed during this pandemic, as well as, efforts to move our church safely out of our lock-down situation.

You can support this effort at POP by donating to the Adversity Fund at any time. Once through our current crisis, funds remaining can be used for other non-budgeted adversities, when and if they occur.



## 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](#)



## The US Census 2020

Between the pandemic and the social unrest we have been undergoing, the Census has gotten a bit lost. This is a matter of faith, and, for many of the oppressed forgotten and hurting neighbors, the census is literally a matter of life and death.

Please stand up and be counted! It's Not Too Late! [You can still complete the census today.](#)



# Calendar

## August 5-16, 2020

Wednesday, August 5  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, August 6  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates

Friday, August 7  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates

Saturday, August 8  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, August 9  
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)  
10:00 am Online Worship Service  
7:00 pm Sundays at 7! POP parking lot

Monday, August 10  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Group

Tuesday, August 11  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates  
10:00 am Discovery Group

Wednesday, August 12  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, August 13  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates

Friday, August 14  
8:00 am Jay Berk PhD Associates

Saturday, August 15  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, August 16  
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)  
10:00 am Online Worship Service

## Sunday's at 7:00 pm!

Join us *this Sunday, August 9th* at 7:00 pm in the church parking lot and meet with Prince of Peace friends and Pastor Tom. See you then!

- Bring a lawn chair
- Bring whatever you'd like to be safe (masks, etc.)
- Stay 6 feet apart



## Sunday's Topic

Dear Friends,

One of the things I've noticed since the pandemic began is that I feel stuck at times. It feels like I should be doing something but I'm not sure what. It can end of feeling like life is on hold as I wait for things to get back to normal. Yet, life isn't on hold and the days keep coming along as they always have. The idea that there is an unchanging and predictable 'normal' appears to be an illusion. Life is change.

I'm experiencing those same feelings in my ministry as well. For 35+ years, being a pastor was pretty routine and predictable. There was a familiar routine of sermon preparation, home and hospital visits, various meetings in the church and community all leading to Sunday worship when the process would begin again. Certainly, the were surprises, emergencies big and small and countless interruptions along the way, but those things were to be expected.

With the pandemic, I've lost that sense (or perhaps illusion) of predictability and routine. As a result, I'm experiencing that same kind of frustration and feeling stuck at both work and home. I realize that my situation is not unique and that everyone else has had their lives disrupted as well. I also realize that actions and decisions I make today will have an influence on tomorrow, but what are those actions and decisions to be? At this point, I do not know. That's a scary place to be. I have appreciated our Sunday evening gatherings as we have talked about how to do ministry in a rapidly changing world as we seek a permanent pastor.

We have done a nice job of offering different opportunities for worship. The congregation seems to do a nice job of expressing care and concern for one another. We have a couple of folks going through the membership and looking for additional ways to engage and connect with people. In the third week of August we are starting a podcast discussion based on the gospel readings aimed at folks in their 20's and 30's. A bigger question is how to engage families with children in the home. Do we modify current ways of doing Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Group or do we try a whole different approach? Again, I'm not sure. These are the kinds of things we are working on at our Sunday evening times. The fellowship and friendship have been nice, too. I hope you'll join us this Sunday evening at 7.

So, I'm feeling rather frustrated and stuck, kind of confused and discouraged right now, but certainly not defeated. How about you?

God bless,

Pastor Henderson

# Prince of Peace Youth

Join us for worship every Sunday!



**Happy Hour Hangouts** - I know many of you are camping with your family, completing summer reading projects, have band practice starting, or are just enjoying your time outside. With that, we are going to take a break for the month of August, from our Friday Happy Hour Hangouts on Zoom. I will be working on getting other projects put together and will keep in touch with you via email, text, and instagram/Facebook.



## Get on Board and Follow Us!

Facebook ~ Instagram

email: [poplutheranyouth@gmail.com](mailto:poplutheranyouth@gmail.com)

For more information, visit our website: [www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth](http://www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth)

## Let's Stay Connected!

Hello Prince of Peace Members,



Due to COVID-19 it has been harder to see and communicate with fellow members, especially when addresses, emails, and phone numbers change. With Prince of Peace being open again, we are so glad to see members coming together (safely), to be able to worship together. However, we completely understand that right now, choosing to worship from home is the best option for some people/families. As we continue to wait for what the future holds, we would like to encourage you to stay connected with fellow members. Whether that be through a phone call, text, email, or writing a letter.

Please use this link with the [updated directory info](#). Please use this information only to contact one another. For a quicker way to have access to the complete directory, you can download the Universal Church Directory on your phone. This app allows you to view members information, with photos (if families have included one).

Use this link which explains [what you need to do in order to work the app](#). Each family has a specific access code that is specified only to them. This access code will be needed in order to login to the app and identify who you are. We would also like to encourage members to send in an updated photo to include in the Universal Church Directory.

To obtain your access code, send in a picture, or give any updated contact information, please email [popw.officemanage@gmail.com](mailto:popw.officemanage@gmail.com)

Peace, Prince of Peace Staff

## Women's Re-Entry

Women's Re-Entry is currently only accepting the following: toiletries, feminine hygiene products and *new* socks. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

## The ELCA Social Statement

The ELCA Social Statement, "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture," offers theological reflection on the church's commitment to undo racism and move toward reconciliation, healing and embracing all people.

[Learn more](#)



# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Kim (friend of the Cuciak family), Dennis Collister (brother of Liz Grider), Phyllis Johnson (friend of Linda Baumbach), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Amy Pizzino and baby (niece of Barb Fronczak), Katarina Rolik, Ellie Sanow, Family of Mary Siller, Ben Ubienski, Kathy William (daughter of Linda Baumbach), Rachel Zinram. **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), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), 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, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Don Southam (friend of Lia Staaf). **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 - July 27, 2020:	\$194,655
Budget for 30 Sundays:	\$205,500
Giving Deficit as of June 27, 2020:	\$ (10,846)

## In Person Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 26, 2020	34
August 2, 2020	39



08/05	Chip Bailey	08/14	Tom Drobnak
08/06	Dale Dragony	08/14	Addy Lipschutz
08/06	Sharon Olson	08/16	Christian Juntunen
08/09	Bill Vorobej	08/17	Michelle Christian
08/11	Joey Frey	08/17	Cameron Wenham
08/12	Angela Boor		

## Happy Anniversary!

08/07	Brent & Dania Beard
08/10	Doug & Carol Leavens
08/12	Paul & Jean Winslow
08/13	Christine & Al Tielke
08/15	Joseph & Christina Billings
08/15	Mary & Joseph Olah

## Prince of Peace Staff

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### Office Hours

Office hours are variable and limited due to the Covid-19 crisis.

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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.