

First Quarter 2023

*Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren*

*Mini Messenger*



Summary of Dec. 11, 2022 Congregational Business Meeting

As your Moderator and on behalf of the church, Church Board and Board Chair, I would like to wholeheartedly thank the following people who served on the previous church board but decided not to continue in an elected position with the new Leadership Team: Allison Leininger, Brennan Downs, Phillip Gindelberger, Mark Buckner, Brad Stephenson, Carolyn Fourman, Dallas Brill, Charles Skipper, Vicki Ferguson, and Nancy Denlinger. Your Service was greatly appreciated. THANKS!

At the December 11, 2022 Congregational Business Meeting the following individuals were unanimously chosen to serve on the new Leadership team for 2023: Moderator: Art Fourman, Leadership Team Chair, John Leininger; Discipleship Team Chair, Susan McKinney; Relationship Team Chair, Bobbie Oh; Worship Team Chair, Amanda Sgro; Facility & Finance Team Chair, Ray Shade; Deacon Chair, Joy Kemmerer. Interim Pastor John Sgro (NV)

<u>Old Board Position</u>	<u>New Team Position</u>
Moderator	Moderator
Board Chair	Leadership Team Chair
Christian Ed	Discipleship Team
Outreach	Discipleship Team
Fellowship	Relationship Team
Worship	Worship Team
Trustees	Facility & Finance
Stewardship	Facility & Finance

Other affirmed church positions were:

Clerk, Vicki Ferguson; Treasurer, Brent Gindelberger; Assistant Treasurer, Steve Conklin; Financial Secretary, Debbie Stephens; Two members for at-large for the Gift Discernment Team, James Tyner and Christy Schaub. Annual Conference Delegate for 2023 is John Sgro.

The following positions are still open and if you would like to be considered, please contact Art Fourman and indicate which position you feel called to serve: Deacon (2) and District Conference Delegate. The Gift Discernment Team will process the filling of the vacant position.

At the Congregational Business Meeting the 2023 church budget passed unanimously. If you have questions concerning the budget, please contact Brent Gindelberger.

Shalom,  
Art Fourman

# From the Pastor

As we enter this new year, 2023! I pray that you may walk with God and be blessed in this new year, facing new challenges, and new journeys!

A few questions have come up regarding this new year. We begin with a new leadership team and continue to wrestle with what and where God is calling us to as we continue to be Prince of Peace together. One question has been: “Why is Pastor John going part-time? What does this mean? You mean he will have another job?” Valid questions I would like to touch on!

First, I want to stress that this is a POSITIVE move and one that a lot of thought and prayer went into. This move will allow PoP to minister to the wider community and put our time and resources into ministries that will help accomplish the vision we have which is to: Share God’s love with all, grow a diverse community of faith and make a difference in people’s lives.

This will free us from “just surviving” to “thriving” as a people of faith. Instead of our tithes mostly going to staff, bills, and keeping the lights on. This will allow us to have a little peace knowing we are being good stewards of the church’s resources and energy. We will be able to focus on one or two ministries that will have a lasting impact on the lives of those among us and those around us.

What it means to be a church today, in 2023 is uncharted territory. Setting up the new bylaws, and leadership team, along with going to a part time model sets us up to be able to ask big questions and do some big things in which I am excited about. Even while we are amid adjusting to this new model and new world, it allows us to continue to walk together and trust God.

My plan is to continue to substitute teach which will allow me to be flexible for the needs of the church as they arise. This will also allow me to pursue other area’s I feel God is calling me to (education, financial literacy), while being faithful to my call to ministry and Prince of Peace. While it is scary to switch to this model, it is exciting and leaves me no option but to continue to place my trust in God. I ask for grace and understanding as we work through the growing pains!

So, I ask for your continued prayers and support. Please continue to lift the church in prayer and ask how you can be a part of what God is doing here at Prince of Peace.

Blessings,  
Pastor John

# For your information



It is that time of year to update the church directory. Please look at last year's directory, is all the information correct? Have you gone from a landline to a cell phone only? Is your birthday listed correctly? What about your anniversary? Please contact the office with any changes that need to be made. Thank you

To Prince of Peace Church,

I would like to thank everyone at the church for all of the amazing donations for our clients. The different personal hygiene and housing items were so useful and needed to help us stock up for the future incoming refugees. I am always in awe of how everyone is able to come together and help us. I've never seen anything like it. Thank you again for all the help and support. We truly couldn't do this without you! Much thanks from all of us here at Catholic Social Service Refugee Resettlement

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Dear Prince of Peace,

Thank you so much for your support to the Kettering Backpack Program. The food you provide throughout the year helps us to feed almost 700 hungry children in our community. The families were so grateful for the wonderful Christmas baskets that your congregation provided this year!

The need is huge, as 42% of Kettering student qualify for the free/reduced lunch program. However, with the support of donations like yours we are making it possible for children living with food insecurity in their homes to be more productive at school on Monday mornings.

Our mission is simple –empowering children and fighting hunger one backpack at a time. Our vision is to empower school-age children in the City of Kettering to overcome obstacles caused by poverty. Your recognition of the importance of our mission and vision and your support to help us accomplish that work is so important to our children.

Thank you again for all your support! Wishing you a wonderful 2023! Dawn Wyatt, Community Directory Kettering Backpack Program

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Friends at Prince of Peace,

Thank you so much for your generous food box and gift card donations! Because of you, four of our Greenmont Elementary families will be greatly blessed! Merry Christmas!

Jodee Ball (Greenmont School counselor)

# In Our Prayers

**Our Nigerian brothers & sisters, Those in the Ukraine suffering from war, Those affected by gun violence, Katherine Allen, Candis & Brittany, Carolyn Bailey, Eugene Bobalo & family, Rebekah Calligan, Kristi Brown-Collins, Karen Culver, Doug Graybill, Lani Kiess, Brenda Marsh, Kelly Patrick, Richard Phillips, Pat Snyder, Jennifer Stephenson, Drew Stringer, Sheri Wine, Jerry Wogoman, Jessica Worthington**

## Continued prayers for

### Health Issues

Dianna Duncan  
Brook Kottkamp  
Michael Martin  
Jacqui  
Mark Buckner  
Jim & Janet Shafer  
Paul Kottkamp  
Dianna Seeley  
Evelyn Wilderman  
Bill & Nola Burge  
Joyce Conner

### Health Issues, Cont.

Steve Marsh  
Kirk Morrison  
Joan Graybill  
Janet McConnell  
Karrie Kottkamp  
Stephen Worl  
JD Cummans  
Karrie Jackson Sczuch  
Jackie Barnes  
Sherry Barnhart  
Randy Orcutt

### Cancer

Andrea McGreevy  
Phyllis Leininger  
Stacy Cline  
Tommy Young  
Pat Snyder  
Sara  
Cynthia Oxley  
Rob Krynzal  
(Siv) Sue Drescher  
Larry Noffsinger  
Ed Holland  
Michelle

Brennan Downs deployed in Middle East

To *Pray*  
is to let go  
and let God take over.  
-Philippians 4:6-7



"If God is way up there in Heaven, shouldn't I pray a lot louder?"

# Our Giving

## November 20

General Fund	\$3,265
Church Rental	\$390
Heifer International	\$20
Memorial	\$285
Adopt-A-Child	\$8
Trustees	\$50
Blessing Box	\$50
Attendance	49

## November 27

General Fund	\$1,770
Church rental	\$400
Make or Bake	\$700
Adopt-A-Child	\$3
Attendance	59

## December 4

General Fund	\$2,020
Church Rental	\$270
Flowers	\$80
Memorial	\$50
Make or Bake	\$797
Food Baskets	\$180
Adopt a Child	\$5
Attendance	50

## December 11

General Fund	\$3,298
Heifer	\$100
Flowers	\$10
Memorial	\$550
CE Caps Project	\$81.50
Food Baskets	\$690
Adopt-a-Child	\$11
Attendance	65

## December 18

General Fund	\$2,529
Flowers	\$10
Memorial	\$25
Adopt-A-Child	\$9
Attendance	57

## December 24 online

Attendance	27
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## December 25

General Fund	\$750
Flowers	\$110
Memorial	\$75
Adopt-A-Child	\$1
Attendance	42

## December 31

### End of Year giving

General Fund	\$250
Memorial	\$50

## January 1

General Fund	\$680
Trustees	\$50
Adopt a Child	\$4
Attendance	53

## January 8

General Fund	\$1,830
Church Rental	\$190
Adopt-a-Child	\$26
Attendance	58

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## JANUARY

- 3 - Richard Phillips  
\*Dallas & Collen Brill
- 4 - Dee Prass
- 6 - Holly Conklin  
Debbie Stephens  
Larry Noffsinger
- 9 - Tracy Buckner  
Vera Winchek
- 14 - John Loveless  
\* Janet & Dan Heaton
- 21 - Joyce Conner
- 22- Dan Oh
- 24 - Karen Peck



## MARCH

- 2 - Rodney Miller
- 5 - Bailey Krynzal
- 8- Susan McKinney  
Sue Sowerbrower
- 11 - Chuck Sowerbrower
- 16- Debbie Caudill
- 17 - Jerry Prass  
\*Doug & Joan Graybill
- 18- John Downs
- 21 - Barbara Campbell
- 22- John Sgro
- 22 - \* Doug & Karen Peck
- 24- \*Brent & Tracy Downs
- 27 - Jan Riegel
- 28- Sam Oh

## FEBRUARY

- 3 - Sam Gyenes
- 4- David Kalmbach
- 8- Lauren Stephens
- 10- \* Brenda & Steve Marsh
- 18 - Brandon Oh
- 20 - Keith Ferguson  
Dianna Seeley
- 21 - Marcia Denlinger
- 26- Janet Heaton  
Leah Leininger