



February 2nd, 2024

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday February 2nd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 3rd  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
5:30 pm SiS Movie Night

Sunday February 4th  
9 & 11 am in Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
3:00 pm Cleveland Charge Game

Monday February 5th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
6:30 pm Cookie Decoration Class  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 6th  
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday February 7th  
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study

Thursday February 8th  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLO  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 9th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 10th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday February 11th  
9:00 am SouperBowl of Caring  
9 & 11 In Person Worship  
10:00 am Annual Church Meeting  
10:00 am Christian Education  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday February 12th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 13th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

## Altar Guild

Bring in your palms by February 11.  
Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday.

Please place them in the basket on the high table next to the fireplace. The palms are burned to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday worship services.



## SiS Movie Night

Please join us on Saturday, February 3rd at 5:30 pm in the HS Youth Room! Movie TBD!

Bring your own dinner and a donation for Friendship APL- dawn dishsoap, kitchen (13 gal) or trash (45 gal) bags, purina kitten/cat or puppy/dog dry food, canned kitten/cat or puppy/dog food, puppy pads, cat toys, paper towels used towels, gift card for pet stores. No reservation needed! Questions? Contact Beth Cornick & Joan Drobnak

## Congregational Meeting

The next congregational meeting Sunday February 11, 2024 at 10am. Please join us!

## 2023 Annual Report

Wendy has done an outstanding job creating 2023's annual report! Please click the link to take a look at all Prince of Peace has done in 2023!



# Watercolor



## **Watercolor Painting for Adults**

**Days:** Every other Wednesday starting on February 28th

**Times:** Class Times during Lent 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
After Easter class times 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Fellowship Hall downstairs

**Facilitator:** Mel Grunau

Participants bring their own supplies. A suggested supply list is available in the office, online at the church's website, or email [mjgrunau@yahoo.com](mailto:mjgrunau@yahoo.com).

Sign up sheet is located on the downstairs bulletin board or contact the office if interested.

# Coffee House & Open Mic Night



## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Aristo Bistro, located at 25124 Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



## Love Inc. 2024



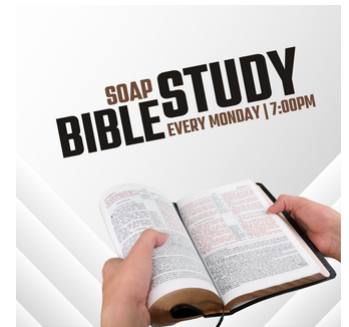
Our congregation has found a helpful way to meet the needs of those who come to our door for assistance through Love, INC. This ministry is not funded through our budget rather it comes from those of you who have chosen to sponsor a month with \$125. Individuals or ministry groups are encouraged to prayerfully consider sponsoring. May God bless this cooperative effort as we work to transform lives In the Name of Christ. \$1500 was donated to Love, Inc. in 2023. See Tom Splawski for more information.

Please Sign Up to sponsor a Month for 2024 at the information station in the lower Narthex.

## SOAP Bible Study

Join us for a new year! SOAP Meets Monday's at 7:00 pm near the fireplace.

Questions? Contact Mark Givens at [mpgivens@ameritech.net](mailto:mpgivens@ameritech.net)



## New Member Classes

Our next new member Classes will be held on February 18th and 25th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am!

If you are interested in joining please contact [princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com)

**You Belong Here!**  
**Join our new member classes!**



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP (PEACE PAVILION) COMMITTEE

The Outdoor Worship Committee was established in 2023 to take the next steps with usage of the Prince of Peace exterior campus. Our sole focus in 2023 was to assess the feasibility of an outdoor worship space based on the conceptual design work completed in 2022 and 2023. The committee consisted of Phil Sprague (chair), Jim Dickey, Evan Saunders, Mary Meadows, Dineen Terstage, Pastor Charlie Woodward, Steve Zinram. The committee met frequently during the year in conjunction with our architect, John Faile and Associates.

Tactically, we have made good progress on the Peace Pavilion in 2023. During the year we:

- Completed the preliminary design of the Peace Pavilion working with architect John Faile and Associates. This effort was funded by a generous grant from the Prince of Peace General Endowment Fund.
- Obtained design approval from the City of Westlake.
- Obtained a directional cost estimate within our budget of \$500,000 from Sciarappa Construction of Avon Lake.
- Completed a “silent” capital campaign which indicated several members are willing to contribute. We estimate that we have secured \$200,000 in funding over a three-year period. In addition, we have expanded the Capital Campaign seeking to raise a total of \$500,000.
- Obtained Church Council approval to proceed to a special congregational vote on February 11th at the Annual Meeting.
- Released a Request for Proposal document to four qualified vendors to select a contractor.
- Received initial donations for the Peace Pavilion (Thank You!!!).

We have continued to refine our design to meet our requirements both aesthetically and financially.



Click on the video icon for a video about the pavilion!



*Peace Pavilion rendering looking south from Center Ridge Road.*




*Peace Pavilion rendering looking west from existing church parking lot. . . . and yes, there will be a paved path from the parking lot to the pavilion!*

click on the images for more!

Our goal is to obtain congregational approval in February, select a contractor, and obtain a building permit from the City of Westlake. We hope to break ground in the Spring of 2024 and provide opportunities to worship in the Peace Pavilion in 2024.

# YOUTH & CE EVENTS!


**CLEVELAND  
CHARGE GAME**



**SUNDAY** **3PM**  
**FEB. 4TH** **Wolstein Center**

YOUTH HOOPS DAY  
FIRST 3,000 FANS GET COMIC BOOK  
SPECIALTY CAPTAIN AMERICA JERSEYS  
POST GAME FREE THROWS AND AUTOGRAPHS  
\$5 CONCESSION CREDIT PER PERSON

**MARVEL**  
CAPTAIN AMERICA  
NIGHT



Register  
Here



**LAKE ERIE  
MONSTERS**

**FRIDAY MARCH 1ST**  
**@7PM**

Rocket Mortgage Field House

All tickets include \$6  
concession credit!

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**SIGN UP BELOW**

1-2-3 NIGHT  
\$1 SODAS  
\$2 HOT DOGS  
\$3 LABATT BLUE BEERS



**CAT CAFE**  
**TOY MAKING**

Help us make gifts to take to  
our kitty friends

**Sunday February 18th**  
**11AM - 1pm**

We will make homemade catnip toys to take  
with us to the Cat Cafe on February 25th

\*\*\*If you have a sewing machine and want  
to come help please contact Hilary Lucas



Affogato  
**CAT CAFE**

Join us and our furry friends

**February 25th**  
**Noon - 2pm**

We will take homemade cat toys to share  
with the kittens to enjoy play time, hot  
cocoa, and sweet treats!

Meet at Prince of Peace at 11:00AM.  
Sign up by scanning this QR code.  
Registration required. →

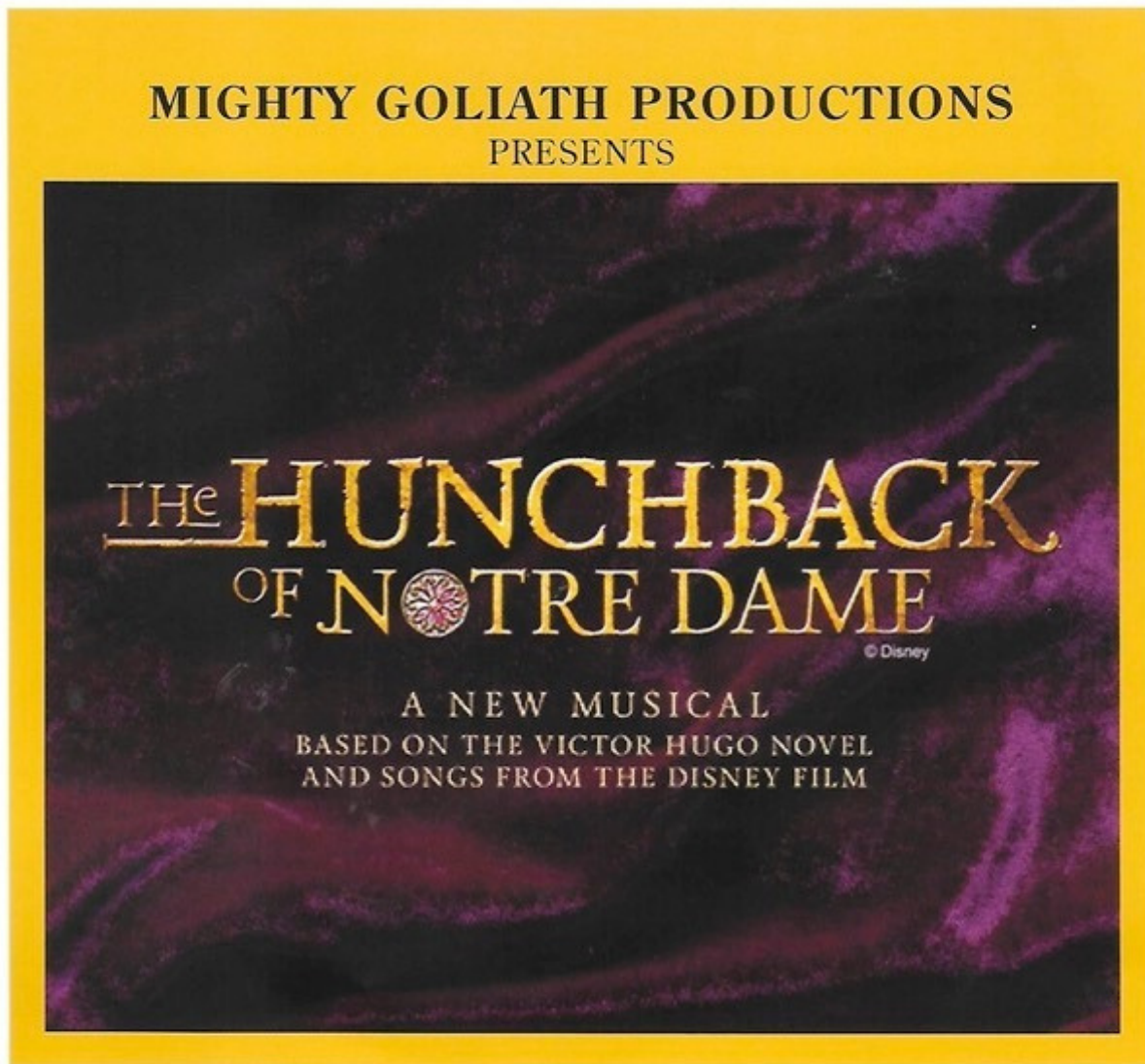


## Travel Quest Event, The Hunchback of Notre Dame!

Discounted group tickets are \$10 for seniors (60+) and students, and \$15 for adults. Seating is general admission and tickets are good for any show so if February 10 at 1:30 is not a viable option, people can attend one of the other performances taking place on February 2, 3, 9 or 10 at 7:00 p.m., or February 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Three Prince of Peace members are involved in this production: Bethany Pearce (Vocal Director), Zack Dragony (Chorus), and Natalie Pearce (Gargoyle)!

Signup is in the narthex. Payment is due by January 30th, either cash or a check made payable to Lisa Woodward.



**FEBRUARY 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2024 AT 7:00PM**  
**FEBRUARY 4\* & 10, 2024 MATINEES AT 1:30 PM**

\*SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

**Avon Lake High School**

Daniel B. Ross Performing Arts Center  
175 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

[WWW.MIGHTYGOLIATH.COM](http://WWW.MIGHTYGOLIATH.COM)



MIGHTY GOLIATH PRODUCTIONS



SERVING OUR SCHOOLS SINCE 1959  
CELEBRATING OUR 65TH PRODUCTION

PASTOR  
CHARLIE'S  
BLOG



**JGospel: Mark 1:21-28**

21[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.22They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." 25But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" 26And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Today's devotion is based on a sermon by Pastor Vince Gerhardy.

Words are such an important part of life. In an average day, we hear some 20,000 to 30,000 words. That doesn't count the words we see on the screen, or billboard, or emails and texts, which can easily double or triple that number.

So at the end of a long week, after hearing nearly 500,000 words from others and the media, you and I gather to hear the words of Jesus Christ. His words speak to our battered ears, battered minds, and battered lives. His words speak calmly and directly, equipping and encouraging us for another week of noisy living.

Again, this event is sometimes passed over as unimportant for us in these times or irrelevant. But you and I need to hear this message again and again. That is why we gather here after a week of depressing and defeating words to hear still more words. The difference is that these words we are hearing are the words of power, words of hope, words of authority and words of a loving Savior.

They are the words of Jesus Christ. We gather on a Sunday to hear the words of a Savior who frees us from the power of all evil that tries to overwhelm us. For I truly believe the words of Christ are as powerful today against evil as they were that day in the synagogue. Whenever evil seeks to distort and destroy our lives, the words of Christ have power to free us.

So when evil whispers in your ear,

"It's no use, you can't do it, give up!" we turn to the words of Scripture, and there we hear the words of St Paul thunder in our ears, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"(Phil 4:13).

When evil whispers the words,

"You're alone, there's no one who cares for you, and no one who will stand by you", Christ's word assures us, "I will be with you always, to the end of the age" (Mathew 28:20).

When evil whispers the words,

"You're a failure, no one can possibly love a person like you", the word of the Lord empowers us to carry on. "Your sins are forgiven" (Luke 5:20), we are told. "The mountains and hills may crumble, but my love for you will never end" (Isaiah 54:10).

When evil whispers the words,

"There is no hope and no help or comfort in the face of sickness and grief, a word comes from Christ, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and they know me." "I will never forget you! I have written your name on the palms of my hands" (Isaiah 49:15).



PASTOR  
CHARLIE'S  
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When evil whispers in your ear,  
“You’re going to die and that will be end of you” and terror strikes your heart, Jesus comes with a word,  
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. I go to prepare a place for you. And I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-4).

“All those who live and believe in me will never die” (John 11:26).

When evil whispers in your ear,  
“There is no point in praying, don’t waste your time. You have better things to do”. The word of the Lord comes to us with authority,  
“When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I will listen” (Jer 29:12).

When Martin Luther would get depressed or discouraged in his work, his mantra became, “But I am Baptized.”  
But I belong to God. But when the game is over, the battle is done, God wins.  
How about letting God have authority in your life today?  
For God sent his son, Jesus the Christ the one who has authority, and the words of eternal life.

Let us pray: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen

let  
go  
and  
let God

## 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



## Second Harvest

For January through March the requested items are canned beef stew, beans, and vegetables



## Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Dec. 31st, 2023:	\$462,529	\$8,894.79
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	104%	
Giving in Excess of Budget:	\$16,029	



Thank you for your support of our mission in ministries in 2023!  
Total operating expenses for 2023 were \$480,000

## 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!



## Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

## **Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
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 of Kathy McCollum
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	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	

## **Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:**

January 21	Mike Hosler Gloria McClellan and family Dave Saunders
January 28	Joanne Burns Marsha & Tim Regan and family Pam Rotella Family of Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin) Leonard Drobnak (Tom Drobnak's father)
February 4	Ron Filkill Betsy Needham (Deb Gibbons' cousin's daughter) Christine (Deb Gibbons' friend) Brenda (Deb Gibbons' friend) Paige Fryer and family (Beverly Braun's friend) Dick Hardy Family of Sean Rhodes (Fran Wilhelm's cousin's family) Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's aunt)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
01/28/2024	44	138	182
01/21/2024	51	132	183
01/14/2024	58	173	231
01/07/2024	48	155	203

02/01 Katarina Rolik  
 02/02 Emma Perry  
 02/02 Rachel Drobnak  
 02/04 Abigail Matalavage  
 02/04 Diane Christian  
 02/04 James Wilhelm  
 02/04 Tom Herren  
 02/05 Bradley Pearce  
 02/05 Erin Jagels  
 02/05 Julia Vorobej  
 02/06 Sean Biller  
 02/07 James Arrigo  
 02/08 Charles Sieving  
 02/08 Joann Burson  
 02/09 Diane Miller  
 02/10 Sean Lavin  
 02/10 Nicholas Fortuna  
 02/12 Chris Rehark  
 02/12 Laney Ventimiglia  
 02/12 Melody Hauser  
 02/13 Charlie Woodward

02/13 Erin Bruneau  
 02/13 Kathy McCollum  
 02/13 Jane Carlson  
 02/13 Jonathan Covell  
 02/13 Sally Balch  
 02/15 Betsy Bailey  
 02/16 Carol Novotny  
 02/16 Connor Burdette  
 02/16 Saige Worsencroft  
 02/17 Dennis MacKenzie  
 02/18 Donald Chrismar  
 02/18 Elayna Gros  
 02/21 Andrea Petta  
 02/21 Kieran Lavin  
 02/22 Jan Saunders  
 02/23 Edna Dickey  
 02/23 Jon Steinbrecher  
 02/24 Beverly Braun  
 02/24 Keith Wyatt  
 02/28 Chris Petta  
 02/28 Shaun Dillon

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren  
 02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue  
 02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

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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.

