



## Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Come and Join the Journey from the Palm Sunday Procession to the Cross

**Palm Sunday, March 24th**

† 9:00 am Contemporary

† 11:00 am Traditional

**Maundy Thursday, March 28th**

† Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm

**Good Friday, March 29th**

† Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm

Come and Celebrate the Empty Tomb and the Joy of Easter

**Easter Sunday, March 31st**

† 7:11 am Sunrise Service at Evergreen Cemetery

† 9:00 am Contemporary

† 11:00 am Traditional

**Bring your blooms to flower the cross!**

## Lent Soup & Study

Please join us on Wednesday's at 11:45 am for our Lent Soup & Study with Pastor Charlie!



## Travel Quest

Please join us on March 15th and 16th at 7:00 pm for "Mean Girls" Musical, with our very own Ian Faleer as the Director!



March 1st, 2024

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday March 8th

Pastor Charlie's Day Off

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Lifeline Screening

Saturday March 9th

10:30 am Altar Guild Spring Meeting

2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 10th

9 & 11 am In Person Worship

10:00 am Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor

10:00 am Christian Education

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday March 11th

10:00 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7:00 [pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 12th

6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday March 13th

11:45 am Lent Soup & Study

1:30 pm Watercolor Painting Class

Thursday March 14th

Sexton's Day Off

11:00 am FLO

3:00 pm Organ Practice

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 15th

Pastor Charlie's Day Off

7:00 pm Travel Quest Event- Mean Girls Musical (Day 1)

Saturday March 16th

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7:00 pm Travel Quest Event- Mean Girls Musical (Day 2)

Sunday March 17th

9 & 11 am In Person Worship

10:00 am Christian Education

10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday March 18th

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday March 19th

6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

## Easter Garden Plant Sale--March 3 - 20

Altar Guild is planning our traditional spring garden for Easter. We are asking for your assistance by providing the plants! Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths and hydrangea plants will be ordered through Dean's Greenhouse.

Take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service. Place your completed order form and check/cash for flowers for our Easter Sunday Garden in the basket at the high table in the narthex. Order forms are available at the order table. Order early, the greenhouse order window closes March 20. Questions? See Dineen Terstage.



## Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to POP. The 2023 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2024. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year.

We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace. To direct Choice Dollars log on to Thrivent.com (<https://www.thrivent.com>) or call (800) 847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at [timothy.regan@thrivent.com](mailto:timothy.regan@thrivent.com).

## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, March 22nd at 12:30 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Clementine's Victorian Restaurant, located at 8092 Columbia Rd. in Olmsted Falls.

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



## Altar Guild

Saturday, March 9th, 10:30 am – Charter Room

We are meeting to discuss Holy Week, Easter and summer worship preparations.

New members (women and men) are always welcome! Interested? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Call or text Dineen Terstage with questions (440-263-6759).





# Easter Sunrise Worship

**Join us Easter Sunday at sunrise for a celebration of the Resurrection.**

The ministers of Westlake United Methodist Church, Dover Congregational United Church of Christ, Church of the Redeemer United Church of Christ and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will join together in this joyful celebration to begin our Easter celebrations.

**Easter Sunday March 31 at 7:11 am**

**Evergreen Cemetery**

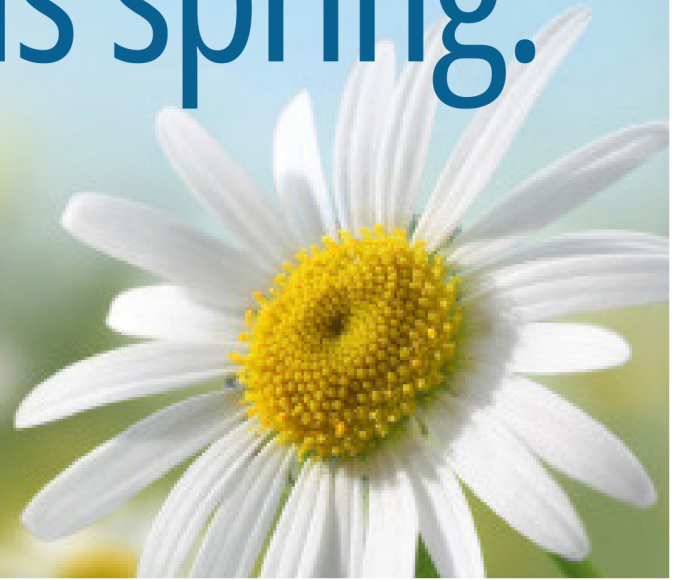
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*In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

# Give hope this spring.

## Give blood.



## Blood Drive

### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall  
28455 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake, OH 44145

Sunday, March 24, 2024  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: POP2024



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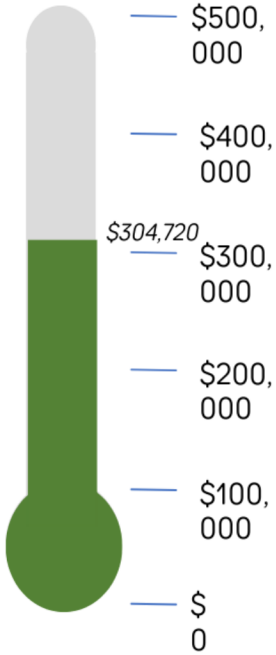
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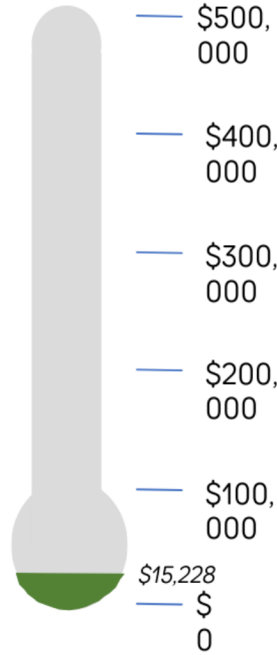
# Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Status as of February 28, 2024

Goal = \$500,000

## Commitment Status

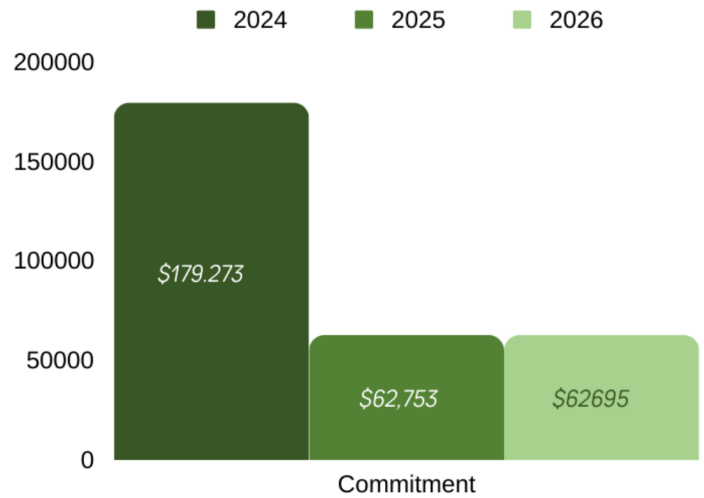


## Received Donation Status



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	1
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	3
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	6
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	5
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	4
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	6



## This Week's Item of Interest:

Cross for the Peace Pavilion: While the Peace Pavilion is being installed, members of our congregation will be involved in designing and fabricating the cross to be located on the pavilion upper structure. LED lights will be located on the back side of the cross and the cross mounting will permit the lighting to silhouette the cross shape at night so it can be seen from Center Ridge Road. Help will be needed to plan, design, and fabricate the cross. If you are interested in helping with this task, please advise a committee member.



# 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.



1 Peter 2:4-10

New International Version

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”[b]

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”[c]

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”[d]

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### Footnotes

- a. 1 Peter 2:5 Or into a temple of the Spirit
- b. 1 Peter 2:6 Isaiah 28:16
- c. 1 Peter 2:7 Psalm 118:22
- d. 1 Peter 2:8 Isaiah 8:14

Today’s reading is from the New International Version. I decided to use this translation for the footnotes that are listed at the bottom of today’s lesson. Notice that a couple of the verses that are quoted in 1 Peter are from the Old Testament book of Isaiah. The words Isaiah shared with God’s people at that time was that they were in danger of losing their land and their place of worship. If we read through the scripture, we will see that the main focus of the Old Testament once the people arrived in the promised land was to one God, and to worship that one God in one place, and that is Jerusalem in the Temple. The kings that did well in God’s eyes were the ones who worshipped one God in one place. The bad ones did not.

The Temple was the center of faith - the place where God resided. With that in mind, look at the lesson again. God resides in the Temple. YOU are living stones that make up God’s Temple. But the Temple is not made of just one stone. It takes a whole bunch. With Christ is the cornerstone, God builds us into a living Temple. This is a similar analogy to what St. Paul uses in his first letter to the Corinthians in the 12th chapter in which he talks about the body of Christ. We are all members of the body of Christ and individual members of it.

Finally notice the last verses of today’s passage. What a powerful, and beautiful image. There is a sense of belonging and value given to us because God sees us as special. It is all in the eyes of the beholder, yes?

And notice the role to which we are called. Royal Priesthood. In other words, we are called to be workers charged with the work of the Temple. The Temple, or in our time and place, the Church, is the place where people come to be in the presence of God, to hear the good news, and to be welcomed into the body of Christ.

Let us pray: Almighty God, use us as your building blocks to be the place where your good news is lived out. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen



# David & Kathleen Johnston

## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

David was born in Somerville, Mass. and grew up in rural Pittsburgh, PA. He had one sister in his family. After graduating from high school, he began his college studies at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. His major was Business.

Kathleen was born in Cleveland and grew up in Brookpark, OH. She grew up with one sister and two brothers in her family. Her education continued after high school when she attended DePaul University in Chicago, IL. Her major was Liberal Arts.

They met at a training conference in Minneapolis, Minn. Kathleen and David have raised three children and cherish the family God has given them! Timothy is 55, works in medical sales, and fiancée Tami is working in marketing and business administration. Christopher, 54 is a university counselor, wife Stacy is an elementary school principal. Grandchildren are Liam, Grace, Ellie and Jack. Jeremy, 47, is a musician and music instructor, wife Patricia is a musician and music instructor. Grandchildren are Evan and Bobby.

Kathleen and David were looking for an ELCA congregation in the area that was active in outreach. They began attending Prince of Peace services last November soon after moving to Ohio. On each visit, many members introduced themselves and welcomed them to POP! It is heartwarming to know our congregation seeks to open our arms to visitors this way. They recently attended the new member class held by Pastor Charlie on February 18. David and Kathleen are participating in the Lenten Bible Study.

Both stay active with Family and Volunteering. They support Adapted Sports events that are modified to allow people with disabilities to participate. Good Knights of Lorain County is another group that has a goal to provide beds to children in need. Something that POP members may not know is they have retired for 24 years. They worked together at AT&T. David and Kathleen have recently relocated from Syracuse, Indiana. They are looking forward to a family trip to Bozeman, Montana in September to attend their son Timothy's wedding!

Great things are happening at Prince of Peace! We can see an energy taking hold to inspire our members. David and Kathleen bring a spirit with them and want to become active with us. What a blessing it is to be able to do God's work with even more hands.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



## 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

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
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, March 10, 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	
Mike Hosler	
Ron Filkill	

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

February 25	Fran Molnar Family and Friends of Marge Stoodt Char Cuciak (John Cuciak's daughter-in-law)
March 3	Meg Allen (Deb Gibbon's sister) Hilary Mason (Ruth William's daughter)
March 10	Mike Hosler Family of Georgie Hecmanczuk



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
03/03/2024	41	154	195
02/25/2024	38	158	196
02/18/2024	38	126	164
02/14/2014	17	83	100

03/01 Judy Cuciak  
 03/01 Mary Olah  
 03/01 Rusty Blakeslee  
 03/07 Isaac Worsencroft  
 03/07 Shawn Merhaut  
 03/08 Mark Drobnak  
 03/10 Jim Jaracz  
 03/12 Lisa Arrigo  
 03/13 Brooke Kovach  
 03/13 Judy Kazak  
 03/14 Karen Givens  
 03/15 John Bontempo  
 03/16 Jon Wilhelm  
 03/19 Carter Bruneau  
 03/20 Emma Goggin  
 03/21 Sandy Connell  
 03/21 Richard balch  
 03/22 Lisa Woodward

03/23 Dale Mortensen  
 03/24 Xavier Worsencroft  
 03/27 Fran Wilhelm  
 03/27 Judy Heimbuch  
 03/27 Kyle Hallowell  
 03/27 Pamela Ventimiglia  
 03/28 Joseph Fortuna  
 03/28 Zack Dragony  
 03/29 Dominic Carimi  
 03/29 Kathryn Schworm  
 03/29 William Franz  
 03/31 Doug Leavens  
 03/31 Linda Baumbach

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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.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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