



March 14th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday March 14th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday March 15th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 16th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday March 17th
Happy St. Patrick's Day!
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 18th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday March 19th
11:45 am Lent & Lunch Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday March 20th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 21st
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday March 22nd
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday March 23rd
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am In Person Worship

Monday March 24th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 25th
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

Coffee House & Open Mic Night

Join us for food, fellowship, & good music!

Our next coffee house & open mic night on Saturday,
March 22nd at 6:30 pm at Price of Peace!



Food Bank Help Day

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5:00 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7:00 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy. We are looking for up to 15 people to help out that evening. Please contact Charlie Koch at (440) 478-9235 or email him at cakoch13@aol.com to let him know you are planning to attend. You can also use the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. A link to sign up as a volunteer on the Second Harvest web site for this repack day at secondharvestfoodbank.org will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.

Altar Guild

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 small table in the narthex. Order forms are available at the order table. Questions? See Dineen Terstage.



Women In Transition

We are accepting donations for women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great! We have been asked to refrain from collecting women's clothing for them at this time. Please drop off your donations at the Donation Station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill



Lent 2025

Wednesday Mid-Day Soup and Study – Fellowship Hall (11:45 am to 1 pm)

March 12 to April 9, we will gather for a Soup Lunch and Study. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am, followed by a time of study using the video and book by Adam Hamilton entitled "The Message of Jesus." We will take turns making soup for the group, and all participants are invited to bring a salad or side dish or bread to share. For more information contact Pastor Charlie.

Prayer Wall

During the season of Lent, a prayer wall will be on a table once again in the narthex, at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God.



March Young at Heart Lunch

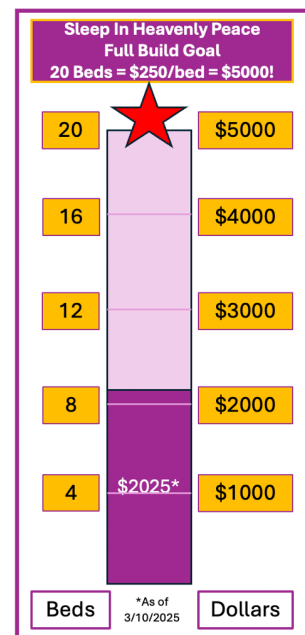
Please join us on Friday, March 28th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 20999 Center Ridge Rd. in Rocky River. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace Update

We are getting closer! Donations are coming in supporting our Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP) ministry which will remain our focus throughout Lent. As you can see in the infographic below, happy to report we are getting closer to our Full Build Goal (20 beds, \$250 per bed, \$5000 total) along with a great start of in-kind donations of sheets and comforters to accompany each bed. **QUICK UPDATE:** Special thank you to the Endowment Committee for also agreeing to match donations to help achieve our goals! Also, we will hear from Kathleen and David Johnston on Sunday, March 23rd as they share their experience recently with Good Knights in Lorain County and previously with Sleep In Heavenly Peace demonstrating what we are doing here makes a difference! Remember to save the date for our Build Date on June 7th! (signups coming soon)

We will continue to update the infographic to track our progress towards reaching our goal and prayerfully ask for continued donations both to fund the beds and in-kind donations of new kids twin bedding: twin "Bedding in Bag" set, kids twin sheet sets, pillows, mattress protectors, comforters, quilts, blankets and throws. PLEASE KEEP THE BEDDING DONATIONS COMING IF ABLE. Thank you to all of those who have donated! Remember, in-kind donations can be left in the SHP Collection Bin located in the Upper Lobby and monetary donations are welcome in any amount. We ask that donations for this project be made through the church (not direct to SHP) as part of your normal offering. PLEASE make sure to add the notation of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" to your donation whether via check (checks made out to Prince of Peace), Tithe.ly, or via envelope. Any questions, please see Diane Merhaut



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of February 24, 2025

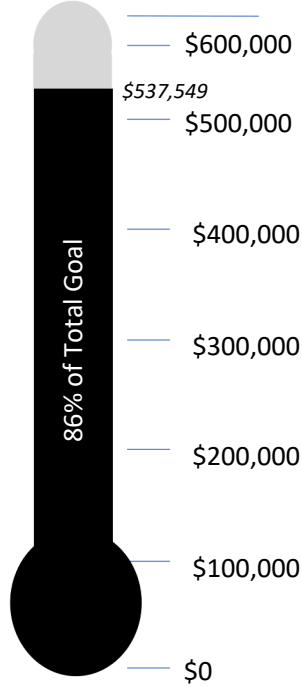
Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items * = \$26,040

Total Commitment Status
Goal: \$622,000



ITEM	COMMITMENTS		FUNDS	
	To Date Commitment	Remaining Required	To Date Received	Remaining Required
Construction *	\$506,799	\$26,350	\$398,767	\$134,382
	95%	5%	75%	25%
Financing	\$5,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$43,000
	12%	88%	0%	100%
Architect	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Other Items **	\$26,040	\$0	\$26,040	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Total	\$557,839	\$64,350	\$444,807	\$177,382
	90%	10%	71%	29%

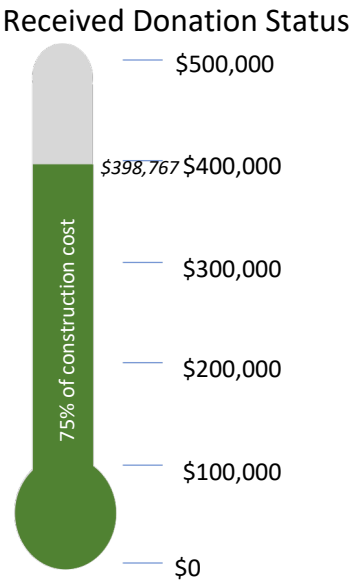
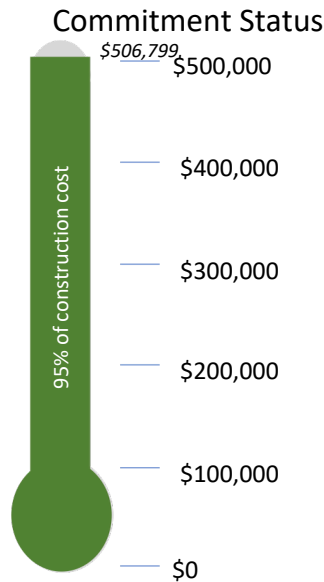
Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

* Includes change orders.

** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches ("fund a bench"), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping not included.

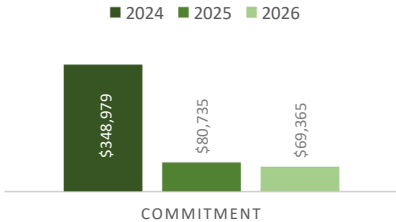
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only
Status as of February 24, 2025

Construction Cost* = \$533,149



Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	3
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	10
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	25

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



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Thank you for your continued support of the Peace Pavilion. Our momentum continues as we enter 2025 and are truly blessed to have such generous support across our congregation and community. Here are some recent highlights and milestones:

We reached a 95% commitment level for the Construction of the Peace Pavilion. We reached an 90% commitment level for the overall project with 71% of the total project funds received. We have added a third donor to our "Buckeye" level of commitment for the Peace Pavilion. We received our first pledge for the Financing component of the project. We are excited as our May 4th Dedication Service approaches and again, we are humbled by your continued support.

Sincerely,
The Outdoor Worship Committee

Prince of Peace



STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT



It is our congregational pleasure to both thank Wendy Hansen for her years of service as church office administrator and to announce some changes with our staff.

Adrienne Patenaude and Brian Gilbert joined as members at Prince of Peace within the last year. They were invited by friends and a co-worker who also attends Prince of Peace. They most often worship at the 9 AM Contemporary Service, sitting in the narthex. They are a family with three children and live in Westlake.

As many know, Wendy Hansen accepted a new job and resigned her role as church office administrator a few weeks ago. As a result, we circulated word among people on staff and within the congregation seeking the next office administrator. As of this week, March 10, Adrienne is now performing that very meaningful function as office administrator. In addition to overall organization and administrative activities, she will be specifically engaged in

- Keeping membership databases updated
- Providing Support to Treasurer and Financial Secretary
- Administering an on-going contractor/supplier list
- Facilitating equipment, software licenses, and subscriptions
- Filing congregational reports and correspondence

Further, the Property committee has suggested we hire a part-time employee to provide good labor and mindset in order to maintain our property and grounds. Fortunately, we have also experienced Brian Gilbert's voluntary participation in many ways around our building and property. So, this month, we have hired Brian Gilbert as a part-time employee for property and maintenance concerns. He will work closely with James, Lisa, and the Property committee for needed tasks.

One more employment shift to mention is the Marketing and Communications coordinator, Hailey Desmond. Her skills and good work contributions for Prince of Peace allow her to take on a few more hours and tasks per week. This means that Hailey will now take on these tasks, in addition to her social media, website, and other marketing/communication duties:

- Preparing worship service bulletins
- Record and manage congregational prayer lists

The contact information for Adrienne and Hailey may be found on the last page of the Peace Connections.

Welcome to Adrienne and Brian, it is good to have you both on board. Thank you to Hailey for all of your great contributions and your willingness to take on more responsibilities. God Bless you all!

KIDS BOOK BANK

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD
1-3PM
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

Volunteer to sort books that will be distributed to schools and communities to promote literacy. Welcoming donations of early readers, children's, and teen books, especially books featuring diverse populations and characters of color





Mark 5:1-20

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

5 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. 3 He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; 4 for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; 7 and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8 For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; 12 and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." 13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

14 The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. 17 Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. 18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

This takes place across the Sea of Galilee in the land of the Gentiles. You won't find pigs in Israel – even today. They are considered unclean.

A story we were told on our last trip to the Holy Land by our guide is that there IS a pig farmer in Israel who has figured out how to raise pigs in a country where they are forbidden. The farmer has taken the law to be literal that states "No pigs are permitted on Israeli soil." So the farmer has built platforms on which the pigs are kept that keep their hooves off the soil. Talk about being creative.

Once again, I digress.

What I want to focus on is the response of the swineherds – those who just lost two thousand pigs. A major loss of their livelihood, yes? Can you imagine? Their main source of income, their daily life chores and focus are all gone.

They are not happy to have Jesus in town. They BEG Jesus to leave their neighborhood. Can you blame them?

And the one who Jesus heals, who is now clothed and in his right mind, thinks it wouldn't be a bad idea for him to join Jesus when he leaves town. If he stays behind, he will be a constant reminder of this swine massacre that just took place. Can you blame him for wanting to go with Jesus?

Instead, he does stay behind, and we are told: "*And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.*"

A follower of Jesus, a Gentile, proclaiming the message of Jesus to the Gentiles.

How do we respond when things get turned upside down and inside out? How do we respond when the foundations of what we hold on to for safety and security and livelihood are shaken or destroyed?

Here is the good news. In the lesson today, healing and wholeness happen. When Jesus is present, we get a glimpse of the Kingdom of God – the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the mute talk, those who are broken are made whole.

It may disrupt what we hold on to for safety and security. But when all else falls away, what matters is the promise that we are God's beloved. For it is God's desire is to make whole that which is broken.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Save the
Date!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June
16-20



Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD

AN ECUMENICAL VBS FOR CHILDREN K-GRADE 5

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

28455 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

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Sunday, March 16th, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	Jan Filkill's daughter
Ron Peckham	
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon Deb
Laura K.	Gibbons' friend
Paula Collister	Sister in law of Liz Grider

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

March 2nd	Despina Sgondea (Diane Merhaut's friend)
	Nancy Bishop (Jan Juhn's friend)
	Aiden Clark (Krystle Henry's godson)
	Daniel Reisner (Krystle Henry's family member)
	Linda Fronczak (Dan & Barb Fronczak's family member)
	George-Ryan Grimes (Mike & Sherry Weber's son-in-law)
	Emily Saunders
	Lia Staaf
	Mary Owens
March 9th	Chuck Sieving
March 16th	John Cuciak
	Paula Collister (Sister in law of Liz Grider)

Happy Birthday

03/01 Judy Cuciak
 03/01 Mary Olah
 03/01 Sandra Zanders
 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

Date	Online	In Person	Total
03/09/2025	49	149	198
03/05/2025	22	66	88
03/02/2025	43	148	191
02/23/2025	34	164	198

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Second Harvest

The requested items for March
 Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Feb. 28th, 2025:	\$130,383	\$16,298
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	27%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$368,617	\$8,378
Total Expenses Incurred through 2/28/25:	\$84,499	\$10,562

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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.



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