



The Good Knights

The Good Knights of Lorain County builds, delivers, and assembles comfortable, safe beds to children in need. A good night's sleep is vital to a child's overall health and cognitive performance.

Good Knights has no fulltime employees and is staffed primarily by volunteers. Clients can apply online or are referred by social service agencies to get a bed for a child. Since 2020, over 3400 beds have been delivered to grateful kids and their parents.

Volunteers of all skill levels are always welcome to weekly scheduled bed builds to saw, sand, and stain raw materials to make head and footboards. Each week, volunteer teams load vehicles with supplies to deliver and assemble beds in client homes. Of course, donations of bedding, pillows, and cash are greatly appreciated.

<https://goodknightsoflc.org/>

If you have any additional questions concerning Good Knights Lorain County, POP members Kathleen and David Johnston are actively involved.

-Sally Balch



December 6th, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday December 6th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Saturday December 7th
10:00 am Mike Housler Memorial Service
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 8th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Congregational Meeting
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday December 9th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 10th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday December 11th
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study with Pastor Charlie

Thursday December 12th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 13th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 14th
10:45 am Parents Day Out
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 15th
10:00 am One Service!
10:00 am Christmas Pageant
12:00 pm Mitten Tree

Monday December 16th
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 December 17th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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



Join us on December 15th

- Children's Christmas Program
10 am - One Service

December 22

- Happy Birthday Jesus Party between services – Sunday School

Join us on December 24th, for our Christmas Eve Services!

All are welcome!

- Children's Service 3 pm
- Contemporary Service 6 pm
- Traditional Service 9 pm

Join us for our 2nd annual Sisters In Spirit (SIS) and Buds and Suds Christmas Toast. Friday, December 27th 5 PM - 9PM. Toast around 6:30 PM.

We will meet at:
Between the Bun
34445 Center Ridge Rd
North Ridgeville, OH 44039



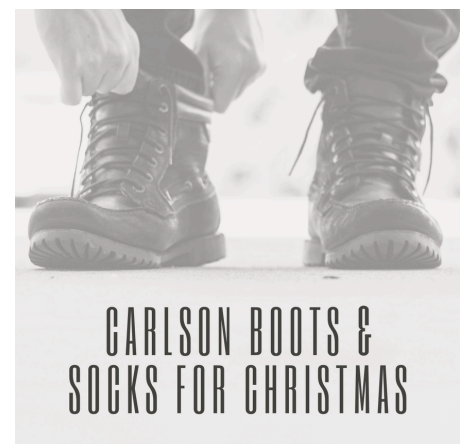
Scranton Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be available once again this year! Each year, teachers from Scranton Elementary in Cleveland, identify children with significant hardships. These Christmas gifts allows us to make their Christmas a little brighter! Each "Mitten Tag" includes information with gift ideas for each student. The tree with the Mitten Tags will be available starting Sunday, November 24th. Volunteers will be present for you to sign out the tags. Coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks are also welcome! If you choose to participate, we ask that you wrap the gifts and attach the tags. The gifts are to be returned no later than Sunday, December 15th. The gifts will be delivered to the school the following week before Christmas. For questions, contact Diane Merhaut.



Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This annual ministry began many years ago by POP members Jane and Jim Carlson and thankful to once again continue this important initiative in their honor. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 3rd with plans to deliver the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 15th. Donations of warm clothing are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contract Shawn Merhaut. Thank you!



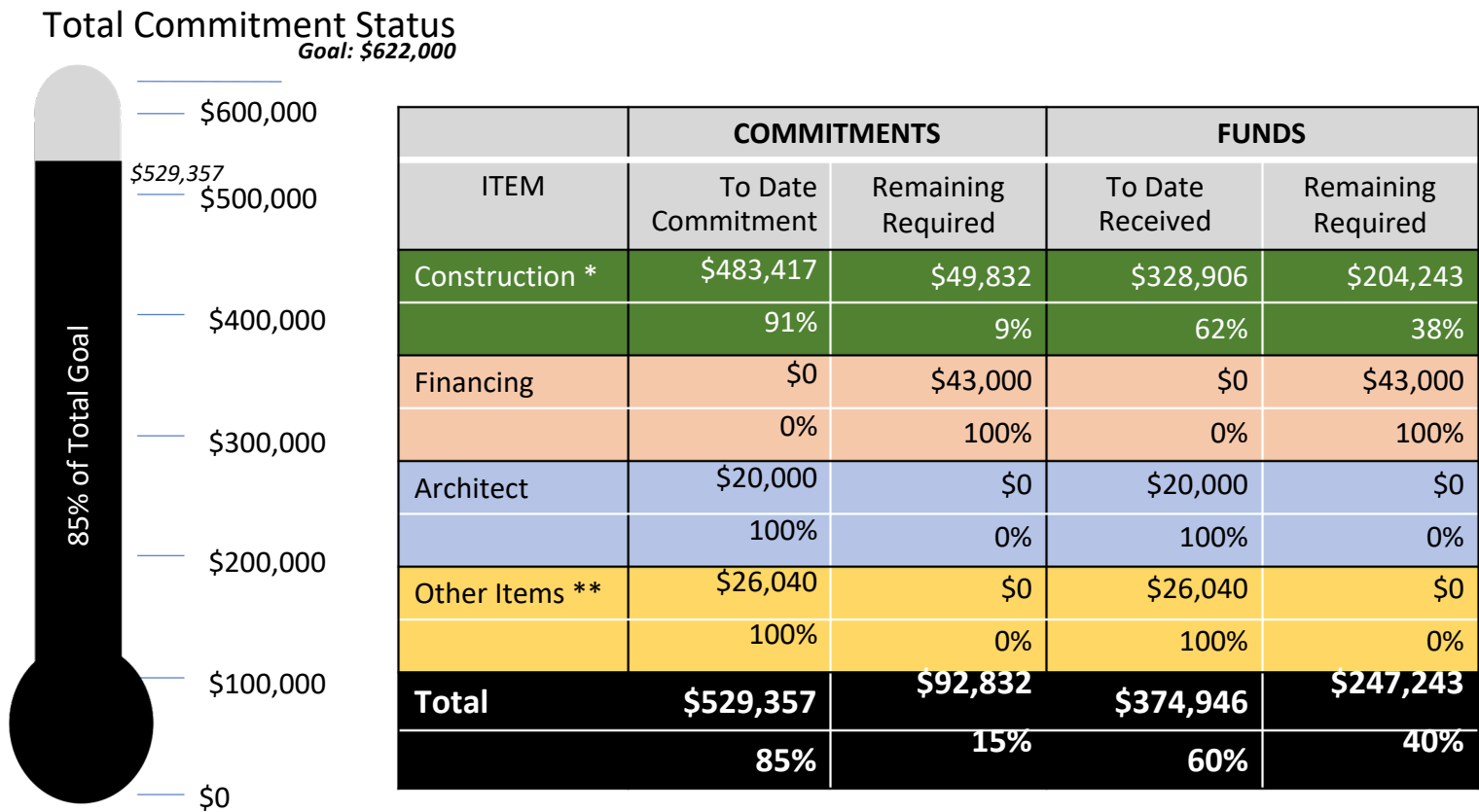
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of November 19, 2024

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items * = \$26,040



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.

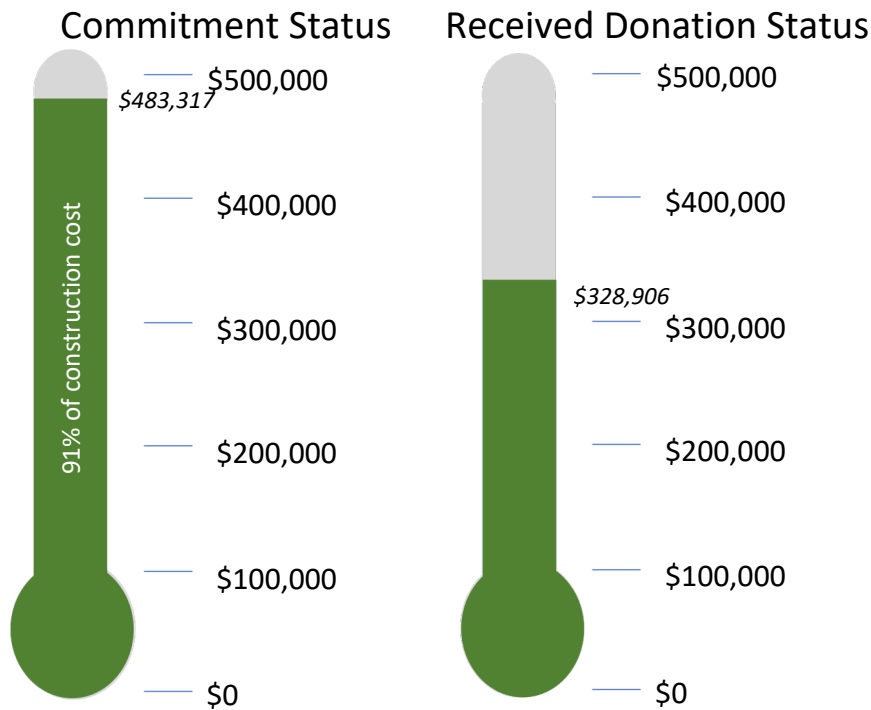
Peace Pavilion Highlights:

- We have commitments for 91% of the construction cost of the project and have received 62% of the funds for construction.
- When adding in ancillary items such as architect, financing, benches, audio/visual, etc. We have commitments for 85% of the total project (not including landscaping) and have received 60% of the funds.
- We had one family "step up" their commitment from Maple to Oak in October.
- We have about \$18,500 of remaining 2024 commitments expected to be received by the end of the year or about 3.5% more toward construction cost goal.
- We will need to recast our loan upon completion of construction and final payment. The more cash we get in by the end of the year the better to reduce our overall financing charge (currently estimated at \$43,000).
- Landscaping design is coming along well and we will have further opportunities for donations in the future.

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only

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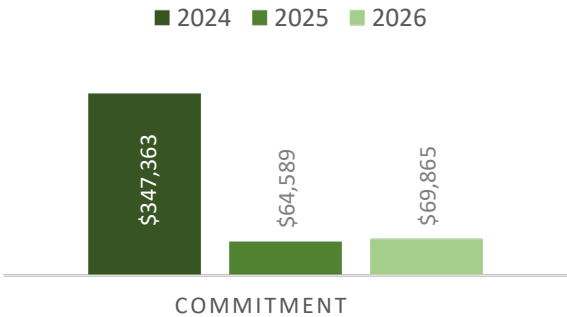


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Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	5
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	9
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	9
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	22

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Thank you for
going above
& beyond.



November 22, 2024

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,
You are invited to our congregational budget meeting scheduled for

Sunday, December 8th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall.

During the meeting, we will

- Review our 2024 financial performance.
- Discuss the 2025 operating budget.
- Present the budget for approval.
- Update the Congregation on the Peace Pavillion


A summary of the 2025 operating budget will be available for review on our website (www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) under the Members Only tab by Monday, December 2nd. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We are in a good financial shape and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and expand our mission. We look forward to 2025 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

We are continuing the tradition of showing appreciation for the outstanding work our Pastor and staff has done through the "Christmas Purse". The Purse is an opportunity for you to make a special financial contribution towards a Christmas gift. You can designate that your gift goes to a specific staff person (or persons) or it will go into a general pool to be shared by Pastor and the entire staff. Please write Christmas Purse in the memo line of any donation.

Have blessed Christmas season.
Dave Covell
Council President
Email: thecovells@gmail.com

Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Live in Peace



PARENTS' DAY OUT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH

10:45AM DROP OFF

3:00PM PICK UP

Need a few quiet hours?

Have some last minute shopping to do
before the holidays?

Leave your kids with us for a day of
activities, crafts, and The Polar Express
movie. Comfy clothes required! Bonus
for holiday jammies! Lunch provided.
Bring a snack to share!

TEXT BEVERLY TO SIGN UP

216-767-3427

PROVIDE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/PREFERENCES

CHURCH WIDE ACTIVITY

Pocket Jesus

Take a Pocket Jesus home to remind you that Jesus is always with you.

AND take another to share or hide for someone else to find later!

Text Hilary your pictures of where you hid Pocket Jesus to be used in a future service!



Send pics to
Hilary: 216-258-1639

Prince of Peace Youth and Congregational

Activity Sticker Bottles

HOW IT WORKS:

Step 1: Buy a bottle for \$10
(supports youth group activities)

Step 2: Join us for activities and service projects

Step 3: Earn a sticker for attending



Collect all the stickers!

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Sunday Jan. 12th
12:15pm
Fellowship Hall



Join us for your choice of Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, or Tomato soup with a Grilled Cheese sandwich



Free will offering supports future Christian Education events



FRIDAY MARCH 7TH GAME STARTS @ 7PM

Rocket Mortgage Field House

Sign up by January 1st
for a chance to sit on
the bench during
player practice and
meet players!

1-2-3 NIGHT

\$1 Sodas

\$2 Hot Dogs

\$3 LaBatt Blue Beers

ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS WELCOME

SIGN UP SHEET IN FRONT OF CHRISTIAN ED OFFICE

*Get your water bottle activity sticker at the game!

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Isaiah 40:1-11

1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

6 A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

10 See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The prophet Isaiah comforts the people of Israel who have been in exile in Babylon. Their homeland has been destroyed, looted, pilfered, and now they are in prison in a foreign land. They have lost everything – everything but God. Isaiah brings a word of comfort – in any loss, in any time of anxiety, God's love endures. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of God will stand forever!"

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

A pastor shared this story: "when my son was small, we often walked together out through the fields and neighboring pasture behind our home. At first, my son would hold on to my little finger, but found that when he stepped into a hoof-print or stumbled over something, his grip would fail, and down he'd go in the dust or snow. Not giving much thought, I would stop, and he would get up, brush himself off, and grab my little finger again, gripping harder than the last time.

This happened quite often, until one day, as he was brushing himself off, he looked at me and said, 'Daddy? I think it would be better if you would hold MY hand instead of me holding on to yours. That way, I wouldn't fall.'"

That father shared, "You know, he still stumbled many times after that, but he never hit the ground. Now, as you walk with God, don't try to hold on to Him, let God hold on to YOU. You may stumble, but God will never let you fall!"

That is the promise of baptism – God claims you as his own, and holds you in the palm of His hand, and says to you, "You are mine." 'Tis the season to be jolly, but for many, it is a time of sadness, loneliness, sorrow and emptiness. Remember we are still humans, sinners one and all. We are broken people, in need of the touch of God's love. It is the gift of God's Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, and the promise that we are NEVER alone. YOU belong to God – take COMFORT in this good news!

Let us Pray: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Sunday, December 8, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
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
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Claudette Plavan	
Hilary Mason	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	
Ron Peckham	
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

November 24

December 1 Diane Karp
Family and friends of Pastor Bob Fitzpatrick
Emily Saunders
Sally (Judy Cuciak's friend)
Joann Burns
Chuck Sieving and his wife, Kathleen
Edna Dickey

December 8 Audrey Swanson (mother of Rusty Blakeslee)

Happy Birthday

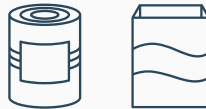
12/01 Jackson Pogachar 12/11 Jann Daniels
 12/01 Taylor Reisner 12/13 Ian Cornick
 12/01 Ruth Ann Whitbeck 12/13 Ruth Mortensen
 12/02 Charlie Koch 12/16 Joe Rowe
 12/02 Dolph Rolik 12/18 Bud Zanders
 12/05 Landon Beard 12/18 Justice Strieter
 12/06 Franklin Krapts 12/18 Matthew Roman
 12/07 Craig Juhn 12/21 Diane Schlegel
 12/07 Nolan Gleespen 12/21 Matthew Wenham
 12/08 Christie Wiedt 12/23 Jim Dickey IV
 12/09 Marge Jaracz 12/24 Uwe Susemihl
 12/10 Laurel Covell 12/25 Matthew Alspach
 12/10 Lora Robinholt 12/29 Roger Hauser
 12/10 Monica Dragony 12/30 Mike Gleespen
 12/11 Sara Burdette 12/31 Amy Hrouda
 12/31 Russ Bauknecht

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/11 John & Judy Cuciak
 12/12 Don & Diane Miller
 12/17 Dave & Carol Novotny
 12/19 Diane & Walter Diekroger
 12/28 Lowell & Jane Dillon
 12/29 Marge & Jim Jaracz
 12/30 Robert & Mary Mayer

Second Harvest

The requested items for December
 Cereal, Applesauce & Canned Soups



Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of October 31st, 2024:	\$384,374	\$8,939
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date: 79%		
<i>We need to average \$50,000 per month to reach budget! Please give abundantly & cheerfully</i>		
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$101,626	\$11,292
Total Expenses incurred through 10/31/24	\$396,423	\$9219



Date	Online	In Person	Total
12/01/2024	45	152	197
11/24/2024	39	170	209
11/17/2024	41	148	189
11/10/2024	46	161	207

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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.