



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!



Blood Pressure Screening

Our next blood pressure screening will be on March 3rd at 10:00 am between services!



March 1st, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday March 1st

Pastor Charlie's Day Off

7:00 pm Lake Erie Monster's Game

Saturday March 2nd

2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 3rd

9 & 11 am In Person Worship

10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am Christian Education

12:00 pm Youth Gathering Meeting

Monday March 4th

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 5th

6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday March 6th

11:45 am Lent Soup & Study

Thursday March 7th

Sexton's Day Off

11:00 am FLO

3:00 pm Organ Practice

7:30 Choir Practice

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

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



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

29535 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, OH 44145



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

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.



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).



Coffee House & Open Mic Night



Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

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 and enter Sponsor Code: POP2024



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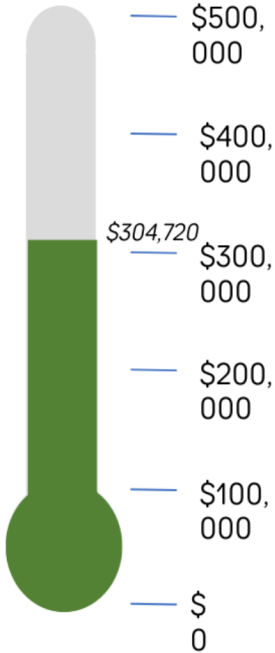
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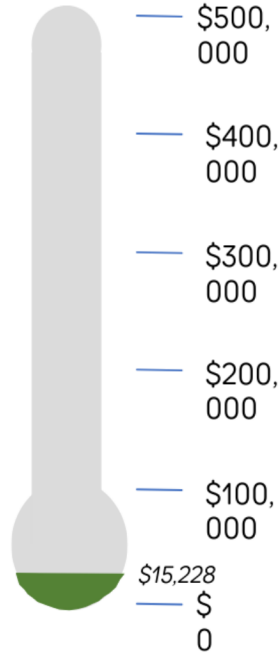
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Status as of February 28, 2024

Goal = \$500,000

Commitment Status

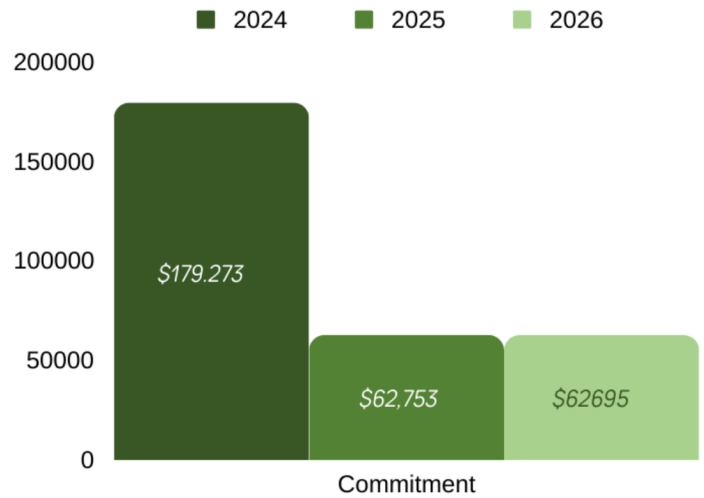


Received Donation Status



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.

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

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Mark 8:31-38

31[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Jesus words are pretty blunt, don't you think? Deny yourself, take up the cross and follow. If I were to translate this passage for today to put it into terms that might be more appropriate for us, I would say this: Jesus says, "Get over yourselves! God is God and you are not. You want life? There needs to be death and a resurrection. Don't be afraid to let your sinful self die – it isn't going to do you any good anyway. Let it die. Let me provide the new life!"

Deny self – get over yourself. Let go of trying to save yourself. Trust God to care for you!

There is a story told by Henri Nouwen of an old woman who was entered into a nursing home. Because of the state of her mind, the attendants decided that they had to take her things away from her, so that she would not hurt herself. Except that there was one coin which she held so tightly in her hand that it took two strong man to open her hand and release the coin. It was, he said, as if, with that coin, everything she had and everything she was would be gone. And that exactly was her fear.

Yet the coin must be given up. The magical powers with which we place in it are an illusion. We must give it up. There can be no resurrection without, first, a death. Free hands to be God's hands. By letting go of trying to save ourselves, we open ourselves to let God be the one in charge to do what God promises to do.

Get over yourself. Let your sinful self die, and let God provide new life.

As we journey with Jesus to the cross, may we heed the call.

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Be open to see the signs of death and resurrection. For God is up to something incredible.

Come with empty hands for we are all beggars.

Empty self and be filled with God's promises.

You are forgiven, you are loved, you belong to God.

Share the Good news

Let us pray: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever/ We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

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 3, 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 18	Lowell Dillon Shawn Merhaut
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)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
02/25/2024	38	158	196
02/18/2024	38	126	164
02/14/2014	17	83	100
02/11/2024	14	133	147

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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