



May 10th, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday May 10th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 11th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 12th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday May 13th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 14th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday May 15th
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday May 16th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 17th
Pastor Charlie's Day off

Saturday May 18th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:30 pm Sisters In Spirits

Sunday May 19th
Last day of Sunday school*
7:00 am-3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:15 am Peace Pavilion Ground Breaking Ceremony
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday May 20th
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 May 21st
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

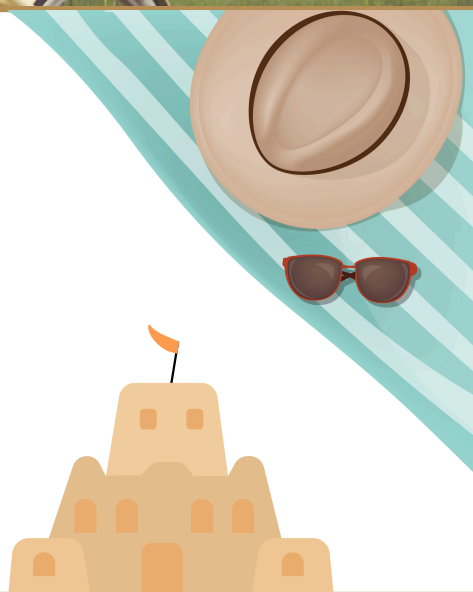
Summer Hours

During the Summer, office hours may vary due to staff vacations. Regular hours will resume after Labor Day.

Thank you and enjoy a safe and happy Summer!

Thanks so much.

Wendy



Happy Mother's Day

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A Mother's Day Prayer:

Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen

Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms and mother mother figures at Prince of Peace! We are celebrating you!

Sister's in Spirit

Mark your calendar for our summer SIS event!

Wednesday, July 10th at 6 pm, we will be meeting at Huntington Beach! Bring your dinner & beverage! In the event of rain, we will move to the covered pavilion. No RSVP is needed! If you have questions reach out to Laurel!



New Member Classes!

Thinking about joining the church!? Please join us! June 2 and 9 at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

New members will be welcomed on Sunday, June 16 at the service they usually attend. Please contact the office with any questions!



Young at Heart Lunch, May

Please join us on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Das Schnitzel Haus, located at 5728 Pearl Rd. in Parma.

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

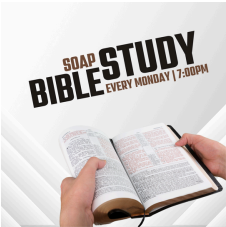


SOAP Bible Study

About 4 years ago we began the SOAP Bible study with the Gospel of Matthew. The SOAP process and group participation has been a blessing and faith-building process for many. It welcomes people who have never studied the Bible before. It renews and refreshes those who are more experienced in Bible study. We invite you to join us beginning Monday May 6, at 7 PM at Prince of Peace and Zoom as we began our weekly reading in the Gospel of Luke.

We are also exploring whether there may be many with this interest toward starting another group at a different time of the week who will also start with the Gospel of Luke. To express interest in joining the SOAP study process, contact Mark Givens (440-668-1395), Rich Balch, Tom Robinholt, Fran Wilhelm, Mike Weber, or Walt or Diane Diekroger.

- May 13 - Luke 2
- May 20 - Luke 3
- May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday, no meeting.



SISTERS IN SPIRIT



Saturday, May 18th at 5:30 pm– Gather in the Narthex, bring your dinner/beverage, a photo from your youth and the story behind it, and a donation for MetroHealth Foster Care Fund see full list below. No RSVP required. Contact Beth or Moinca for questions!

Essential Items:

- Socks, underwear, and wireless bras
- Deodorant (men & women's)
- single toothbrushes (child & adult)
- Women's body spray
- Single bars of soap
- Lotion (men's and women's)
- Single hairbrushes and combs
- Body wash and loofas
- Baby booties & socks
- Baby bottles
- Sippy cups
- Baby onesies (all sizes)
- Baby bibs, rattles, and teethers
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Book bags

Comfort Items:

- Hoodies
- T-Shirts
- Leggings
- Journals
- Water bottles
- Coloring books (for kids & teens) with Crayons
- Nail polish
- Makeup
- Lip gloss
- Lip balm
- Barbie dolls
- Toy cars
- Baby toys
- Play dough
- Books & puzzles
- Bedding, including pillowcases

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY!

Please join us for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Peace Pavilion. Sunday, May 19 at 10:15 (between services).

Bring your own shovel (KIDS TOO) and join us as we turn the dirt and celebrate the beginning of the project, asking God to bless the space and the project.

All are welcome!

Would you like to make a donation to the Peace Pavilion project? [Click here for more information:](#)

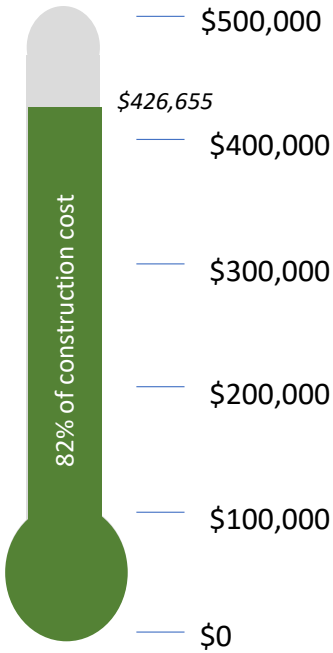


Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Status as of May 8, 2024

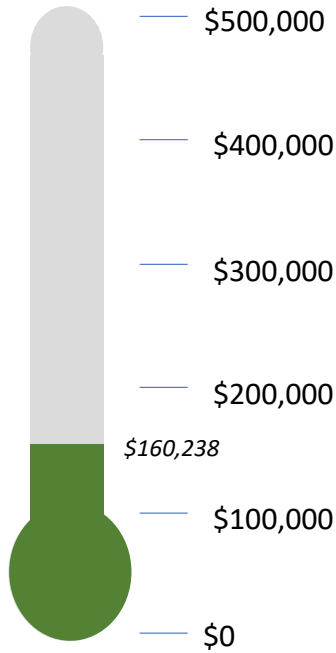


Construction Cost = \$521,793

Commitment Status



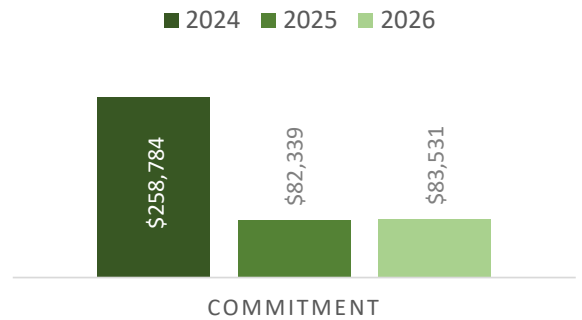
Received Donation Status



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	7
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	14

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



So Grateful for Your Support!

Want to help out with the Peace Pavilion?

Click on the link below for our Capital

Campaign Commitment Card [Click Here](#)

Thank you to Wilson's Tree Service, for removing the trees so we can start our next steps on the Peace Pavilion!



Travel Quest Presents:

All aboard the Prince of Peace Chartered bus. Even if you already have tickets, you can ride on the bus for \$15. Group rate for Pavilion & Lawn Seating.

Depart Prince of Peace Parking Lot 5:00pm Return approx.11:30pm Prince of Peace members and Guests welcome.

Checks payable to Prince of Peace, please use the memo: TQ Blossom and are due by June 2nd.
Please contact msfiddlesticks@hotmail.com to register!

★ SLAUTE TO FREEDOM ★

Concert

July 3rd, 2024

8:00 PM

BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER

1145 W STEELS CORNERS RD, CUYAHOGA FALLS,
OH 44223

FOOD

FUN

MUSIC

LAWN SEATS \$20, BUS \$15, BOXED LUNCH TBD,
PAVILION SEATING \$23-\$31

Prince of Peace

PRINCE OF PEACE

YOUTH EVENTS

BASEBALL GAME



CRUSHERS **VS** AIGLES

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH 2PM
CRUSHERS STADIUM - AUON



SIGN UP IN CHRISTIAN ED OFFICE
Or text Beverly - 216.767.3427

JOIN US FOR NATURE DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 2ND

Come learn about composting with a special guest speaker from *Rust Belt Riders*, hang up homes for bees and bats, explore the Prince of Peace woods, and learn more about God's creation!



GUEST SPEAKER
10- 11AM
ALL ARE WELCOME



John 14:1-6

14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

14:2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

14:4 And you know the way to the place where I am going."

14:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

In one church, when Bibles were presented to 3rd graders, each child was to recite a passage of Scripture. On one occasion, everything was going well until the minister came to one little boy who could not remember his own name, let alone a Bible verse. The boy's eyes frantically searched for his mother, who was seated near the front row. When he spotted her, he was greatly relieved when she whispered to him, "I am the light of the world." To which he immediately stated, "My mother is the light of the world!"

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers. We give thanks to you for all that you have taught us. We give thanks for our mothers this day, for it is by their actions and their love that many of us are where we are in our faith journey. I know that is true for me. It is because of the love they have shown for us when we have felt unlovable, that we are able to love others. We love, because somewhere along the line, we were taught how to love.

Did you know that, after Christmas Eve and Easter, Mothers' Day is the largest attended Sunday of the year. I hope you join in with Mom in worship today, even if it is on-line instead of in person.

Today's Gospel is a familiar passage that I often suggest for families as we prepare a funeral for a loved one. Jesus words sound like something my Mom would say – "Don't be troubled. Believe in God. Believe me." Now I am not saying Mom should be seen as Jesus Christ, but there a hint of loving parenthood in Jesus' words. Don't be troubled. Believe God. Believe me.

Jesus offers these words to the disciples the night he is betrayed. In a few short hours, they will see Jesus arrested, beaten, humiliated, drug through the mockery of a trial, stripped and whipped, nailed to a cross and die. Don't be troubled. Believe God. Believe me.

Jesus doesn't just offer words, but actions as well. Dying and rising, Jesus not only speaks of forgiveness and hope for new life, he provides for it with his own body and blood. Don't be troubled. Believe God. Believe me.

Jesus tells his followers that he goes to prepare a place for us – a dwelling place or room in God's eternal kingdom. Know this – God provides a place for us that will not disappoint. Don't be troubled. Believe God. Believe Jesus.

Uncertainty of what tomorrow will bring, let alone today, has been exhausting, frustrating, scary, worrisome and ... (I will let you add your own adjective here!). Know this – Jesus words are for you and me today. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me." Consider it some good motherly advice.

Christ is Risen. Risen Indeed – ALLELUIA and AMEN!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we need your words of assurance every day, and sometimes more than once! We turn to you. Remind us again of your promise to never let go. We believe. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.



Brad & Bethany Pearce

THIS WEEK'S PROFILE

Brad was born in Mount Gilead, Ohio. His father was a rural mail carrier and his mother was a teacher and school secretary. He graduated from Mount Gilead High School in 2000 and received his Masters in Education from Ohio State in 2005. Brad has an older brother, Joe, who lives with his wife and two children in Mason, Ohio. Brad currently teaches algebra at Elyria High School, and is about to complete his 17th year of teaching. In addition to teaching, he also coached the EHS girls basketball team from 2007-2014.

Bethany was born in Columbus, Ohio. Her family moved several times throughout her childhood when Pastor Charlie was called to serve different congregations in Canal Fulton, Delaware, and Westerville, Ohio. Bethany has a younger brother named Andrew, who lives in Seven Hills with his wife and twin sons. Bethany graduated from Westerville North High School in 2004, and received her Bachelor of Music Education from Valparaiso University in 2008. Bethany teaches 6-12 grade choir at Keystone Local Schools in Lagrange. In addition to single-handedly running a choir department of over 200 students, she is also a mentor for new teachers and collegiate clinical practice students. Bethany's choirs have performed all over northeast Ohio, and have also traveled to Chicago, Cincinnati, New York City, Pennsylvania, and Myrtle Beach.

Bethany and Brad met online in 2009, and began a long distance relationship. Brad was living in Elyria at the time, and Bethany was teaching near Columbus. When they got married in 2012, Bethany made the move up north. Pastor Charlie and Lisa finally followed them to the Cleveland area 9 years later! They have two children, whom you have likely seen around the church! Natalie is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade. She is involved in Girl Scouts, piano lessons, and has studied dance for 5 years. Will is 6 years old and is about to graduate from kindergarten! He is also taking piano lessons, and loves Nintendo and spending time outside with his friends! Both kids are involved with theater at the MAD* Factory in Oberlin. The Pearce family lives in Avon, meaning they have three different school districts to keep track of in their household.

The Pearce family joined Prince of Peace in 2021 when Pastor Charlie began his ministry here. They were previously members of Christ Lutheran in Avon Lake. Their reasons for joining are probably obvious! The kids enjoy having "Pastor Grandpa" deliver their children's sermon every Sunday.

At POP, Bethany has helped with the music ministry, filling in as cantor and choir director when needed. Brad serves as an usher, and they have both filled in teaching Sunday School from time to time. They are very excited about the new Peace Pavilion and all of the opportunities and activities it will provide for their family! Brad enjoys reading and is an avid golfer. He is a big history buff and will gladly challenge you to a game of Trivial Pursuit. He also enjoys the arts and would someday love to have season tickets to the Cleveland Orchestra.

Bethany is very involved in community theater. She and Natalie have both participated in Mighty Goliath Productions' shows for the past two years, and they will be appearing in a production of "Matilda: The Musical" this summer! Bethany also enjoys cooking, reading, yoga, and cross-stitching. She completed a half marathon in 2022 and would be game for another one someday. (Maybe.) She also loves riding roller coasters with Will at Cedar Point!

The Pearce family loves to travel! They are big Disney fans and have traveled to Walt Disney World several times. They will be traveling to Bermuda this summer on a cruise, and hope to get to Europe when the kids are a little older. You can meet the Pearce family at the traditional service most Sundays. They have a deep commitment to Prince of Peace and have provided much energy to the important missions here!

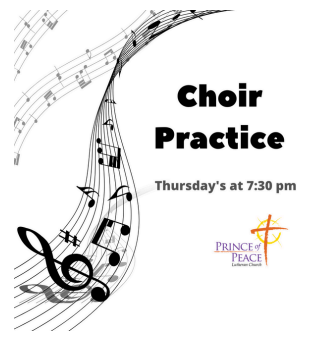
(A big Thank You is given to Bethany and Brad as authors of this story!)

Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Choir

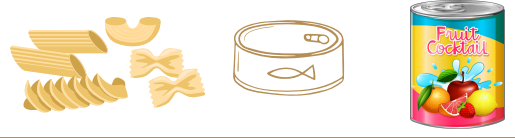
Interested in joining the choir?
 Please join us for practices on Thursday's at 7:30 pm!

Questions? Contact Ian Faleer, Contemporary Music Director & Chancel Choir Director
ifaleer@gmail.com



Second Harvest

For April through June the requested items are pasta, canned fish & packaged fruits



Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31st, 2024:	\$130,212	\$10,016
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	27%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$355,788	\$9,123
Total Expenses incurred through 2/29/24	\$123,329	\$9,480



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!



Comfort Quilters

Comfort quilters meet on the first and third Monday's of the month at 1:00 pm! No experience necessary!

Please consider joining us!



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.





Sunday, May 12, 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	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Patty Doran	Friend of Jane Dillon
Marcia Drysdale	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Dawn Higgins	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Jayne Kramic	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Angela Missig	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Jenn Pitts	
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Mike Hosler	
Ron Filkill	
Chris Sikora	
Claudette Plavan	
Hilary Mason	
Kathy and Tim Needham	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

April 28	Lois Smilor
May 5	Marian Koch (Charlie Koch's sister)
May 12	Don Chismar Kathleen Filler (Monica Dragony's friend) Shawn Merhaut Jessica Dalrymple (Shawn Merhaut's cousin)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
05/05/2024	11	149	160
04/28/2024	15	161	176
04/21/2024	23	143	166
04/14/2024	31	156	187

05/01 Dineen Terstage
 05/01 Jim Lappin
 05/02 Abbie Gleespen
 05/02 Lillian Franz
 05/03 Brian Drobnak
 05/03 Grant Commnick
 05/05 Ellen Oster
 05/06 Lois Smilor
 05/07 Ben Blakeslee
 05/07 Lillian Fortuna
 05/08 Dave Saunders
 05/09 Josh Dragony
 05/12 Diane Karp
 05/12 Joyce Wood
 05/12 Margaret Bailey
 05/14 Cassandra Frey

05/14 Jason Franz
 05/15 Brianna Lehman
 05/16 Hailey Vitko
 05/17 Ian Kelly
 05/18 Stephanie Pogachar
 05/19 Blake Beard
 05/22 Ron Filkill
 05/24 Addison Kovach
 05/27 Robert Mayer
 05/28 Craig Jagels
 05/29 Jerry Karp
 05/31 Jeff Babinski
 05/31 Logan Vitko

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/01 Alden & Connie McGee
 05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie
 05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
 05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
 05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna
 05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
 05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
 05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
 05/29 Tracy & Tom Biller

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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.

