



December 13th, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

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

Wednesday December 18th
12:00 pm Mitten Tree
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday December 19th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 20th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 21st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 22nd
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Happy Birthday Jesus Party
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday December 23rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 24th
3:00 pm Children's Service
6:00 pm Contemporary Service
9:00 pm Traditional Service

Tuesday December 25th
Merry Christmas!

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

Scranton Mitten Tree—Update

Thank you to all for your support of the children of Scranton School. We are happy to report that all 50 children/mittens were taken for this year's ministry! Please be sure to return your wrapped gifts with mittens attached by this coming Sunday, December 15th. The gifts will be delivered to Scranton School on the morning of December 18th. If you wish to be part of the delivery team, please contact Diane Merhaut at 440-897-0368.

If you were not able to select a mitten and still wish to give, please consider buying a coat, mittens, hats, children's underwear (smaller sizes because accidents do happen) and socks. Coats are needed for all ages and sizes. These donations will also be delivered on Dec. 18th.

Thank you!
Diane and Merhaut



One Service Sunday!

Friendly reminder that this Sunday, December the 15th, we will have one service at 10:00 am!

Please join us during this service for the Christmas Story shared by the children and youth of Prince of 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

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

[Endowment
Grant](#)



Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, January 24th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, located at 25779 Brookpark Rd. in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.

Christmas Cheers

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



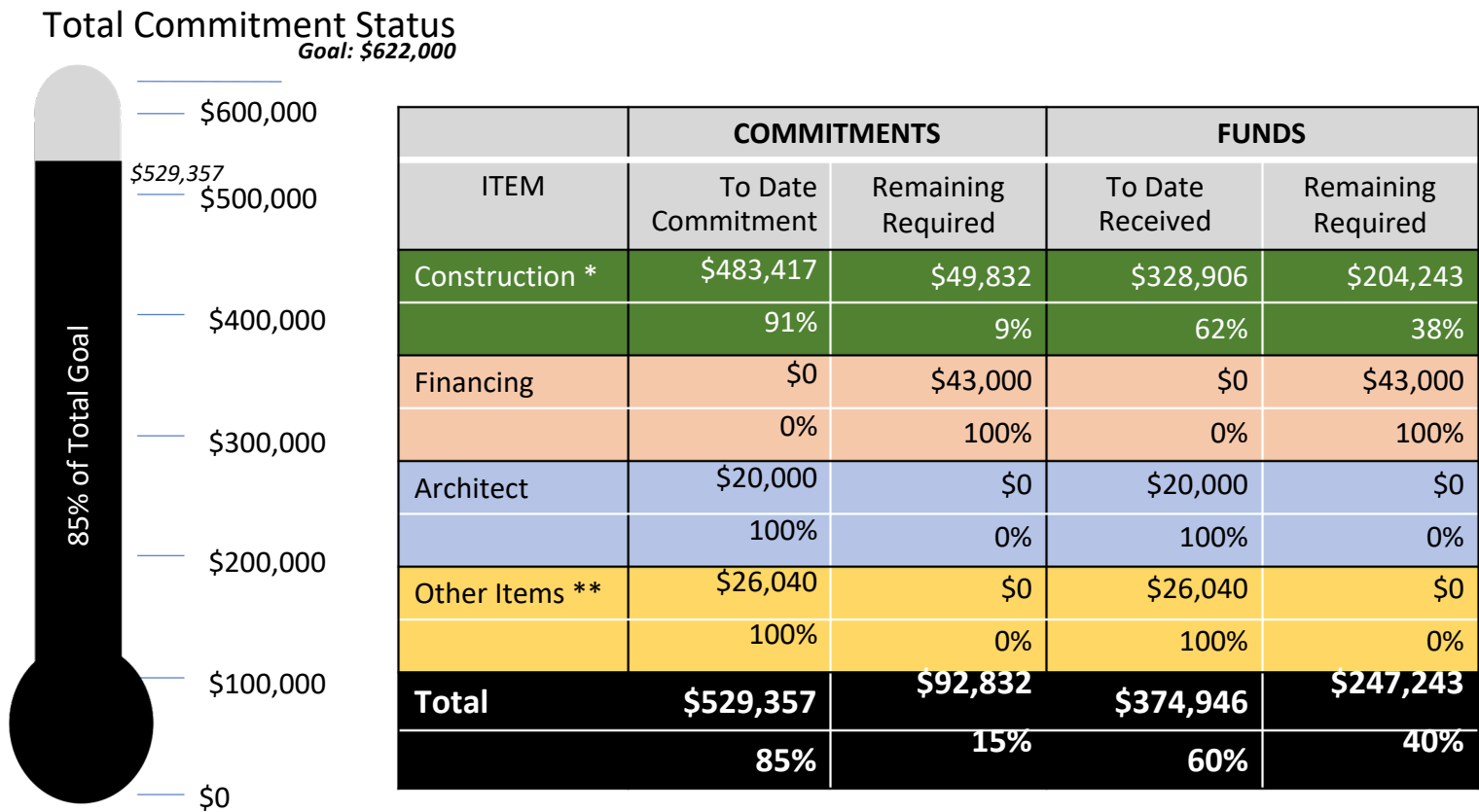
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of November 19, 2024

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.

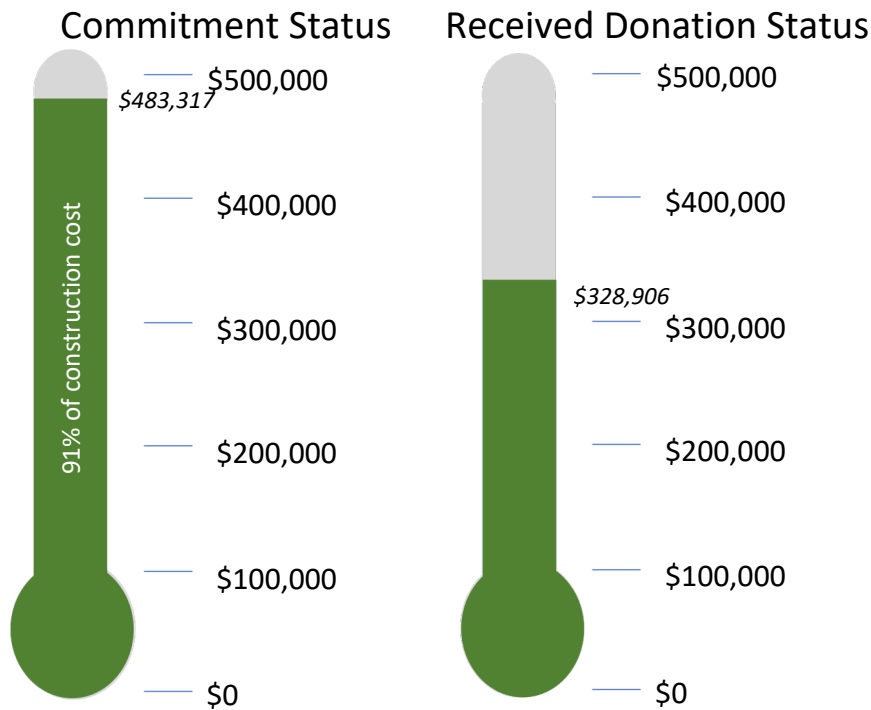
Peace Pavilion Highlights:

- 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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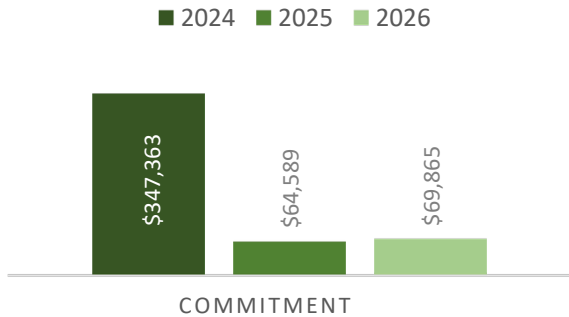


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Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	5
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	9
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	9
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	22

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Thank you for
going above
& beyond.

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



Psalm 27 – selected verses

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
4 One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple....
11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! Advent is a time for waiting with anticipation and hope. I share with you this poem as we wait.

There Was a Time: An Advent Poem

- Fr. Joseph Breighner

There was a time when there was no time, when darkness reigned as king,
When a formless void was all that there was in the nothingness of eternity,
When it was night, but over the void and over the night Love watched.
There was a time when time began. It began when Love spoke.
Time began for light and life, for splendor and grandeur. Time began for seas and mountains, for flowers and birds.
Time began for the valleys to ring with the songs of life, and for the wilderness to echo with the wailing of wind and howling of animals.
And over the earth, Love watched. There was a time when time began to be recorded.
A time when Love breathed and a new creature came to life. A new creature so special that it was in the image and likeness of Love
Of Love who is God. And so man was born and the dawn of a new day shone on the world. And over man, Love watched.
But there came a time when the new day faded. A time when man who was like God tried to be God. A time when the creature challenged the creator.
A time when man preferred death to life and darkness to light. And so the new day settled into twilight.
And over the darkness, Love watched. There was a time of waiting in the darkness. A time when man waited in the shadows,
And all creation groaned in sadness. There was waiting for Love to speak again--for Love to breathe again.
And kings and nations and empires rose and faded in the shadows. And Love waited and watched.
Finally, there came a time when Love spoke again. A Word from eternity--a Word Spoken to a girl who belonged to a people not known by the world
Spoken to a girl who belonged to a family not known by her people to a girl named Mary. And all creation waited in hushed silence for the girl's answer.
And Mary spoke her yes. And Love watched over Mary. And so there came a time when Love breathed again
When Love breathed new life into Mary's yes. And a new day dawned for the World
A day when light returned to darkness, when life returned to dispel death
And so a day came when Love became man--a mother bore a child.
And Love watched over Love--a Father watched His Son.
And, lastly, there came a time when you and I became a part of time.
Now is the time that you and I wait.
Now we wait to celebrate what the world waited for.
And as we wait to celebrate what was at one time, we become a part of that time
A time when a new dawn and a new dream and a new creation began for man.
And as a part of time, Love waits and Love watches over us.



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



PROFILE STORY

Claire Wenham

Claire was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She grew up with her younger brother Cameron in Westlake. She is currently attending Westlake High School. Now, at age 15, she is planning her future education to include learning skills that incorporate psychology and criminology.

Claire has been a steady babysitter, getting good work experience prior to heading out into the world of professional careers.

Her parents, Matt and Lola Wenham, are long time members here at Prince of Peace. They have been involved in many groups and missions here, and this was my motivation to find out more about Claire! Our congregation has a vibrant and growing amount of Youth each Sunday participating at services and other events that stretch throughout the week! This is a wonderful result of many parents bringing them to POP and encouraging their Faith Journey. The Wenhams have established a great foundation!

Claire considers Hilary Lucas, Beverly Braun, her parents and Pastor Charlie to be her mentors at church. Many have noticed her taking on more responsibility here, which includes Youth Program involvement, serving as a Communion Assistant and singing in the CrossFire Praise Band!

Her hobbies and interests include reading, singing in her school's chorale group, playing volleyball, and spending time with her friends and family. One thing that people may not know about Claire is that she is newly involved with a team at her high school that fundraises money to help cure cancer! Her bucket list is that she hopes one day to travel in Europe, and to go to Ohio State University in two short years! With Claire's high energy level, she should have no problem accomplishing these dreams.

Prince of Peace has so much good happening these days! Anyone ready to jump on and take a ride along will feel very fulfilled. Let's celebrate this story together, God has shown us the Light. Many have responded!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



Sunday, December 15, 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:

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) Emily Saunders, David Saunders, and Jan Saunders
December 15	Lorraine Leavens (sister-in-law of Doug Leavens) Family of Donald Moll (brother of Carol Novotny) Sue Hosler and Family

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 Krap	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
12/08/2024	33	185	218
12/01/2024	45	152	197
11/24/2024	39	170	209
11/17/2024	41	148	189

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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.