



December 27th, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday December 27th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 28th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 29th
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!
One service at 10:00 am!*

Monday December 30th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 31st
Happy New Years Eve!

Wednesday January 1st
Happy New Year!

Thursday January 2nd
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 3rd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 4th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 5th
No Sunday School!
9 & 11 am In Person Worship

Monday January 6th
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
Planning Meeting
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 7th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CorssFire Rehearsal

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

Love Inc 2024

If you signed up to sponsor Love Inc in 2024 and have not yet sent in your \$125 contribution, please do so asap. Be sure to mark the envelope "Love Inc 2024". We are missing 4 contributions for this year. We will begin sponsorship sign up again in January for 2025. Please contact Deb Gibbons if you have any questions. 216-272-6134 text or call; email gibbons.95@gmail.com

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.

Travel Quest 2025

February 5th, 2024 at Noon, we will be going to Trinity Cathedral for the Brown Bag Lunch series. Please join us for the Western Reserve Historical Performances!

Questions? Reach out to Fran Wilhelm!

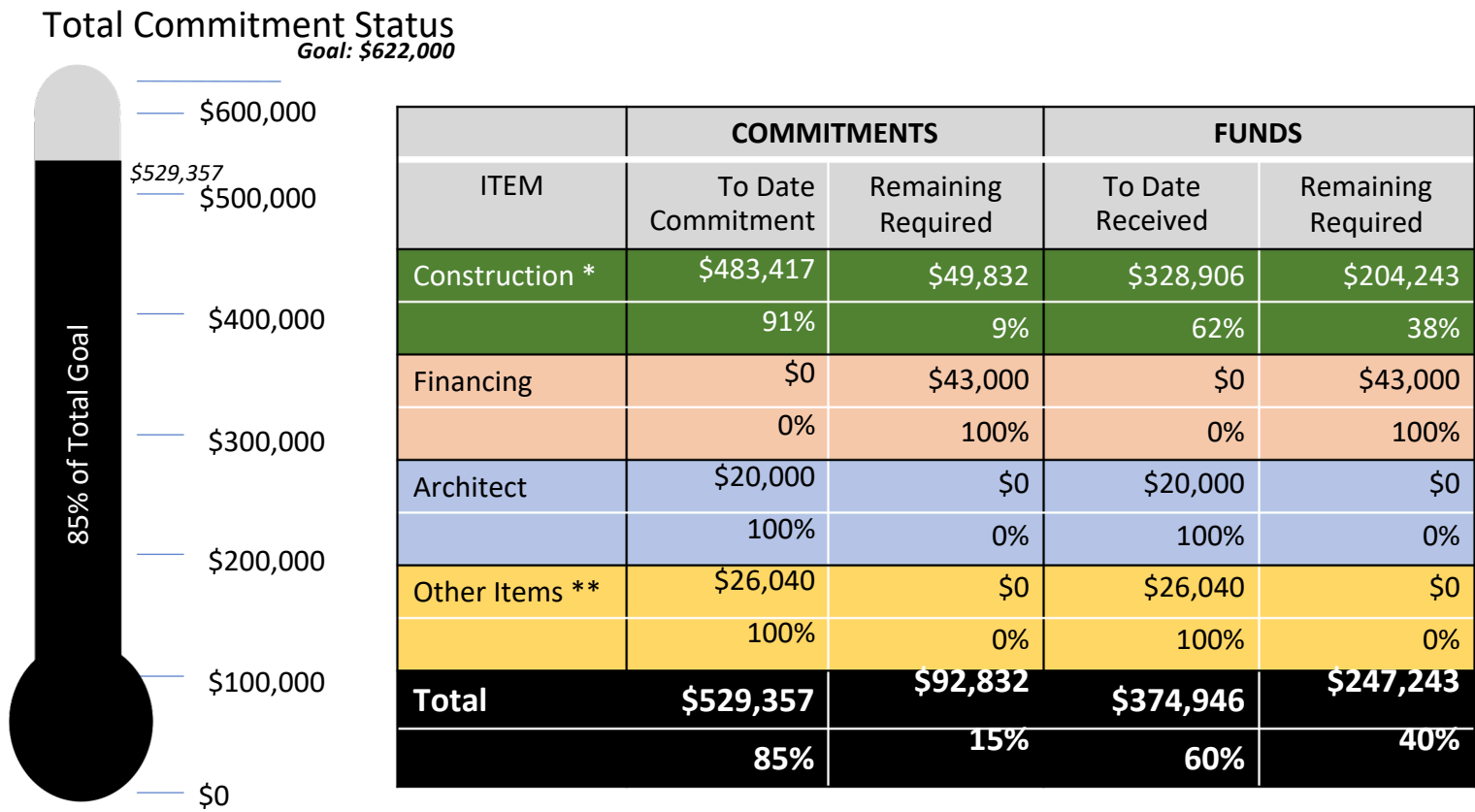
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of November 19, 2024

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.

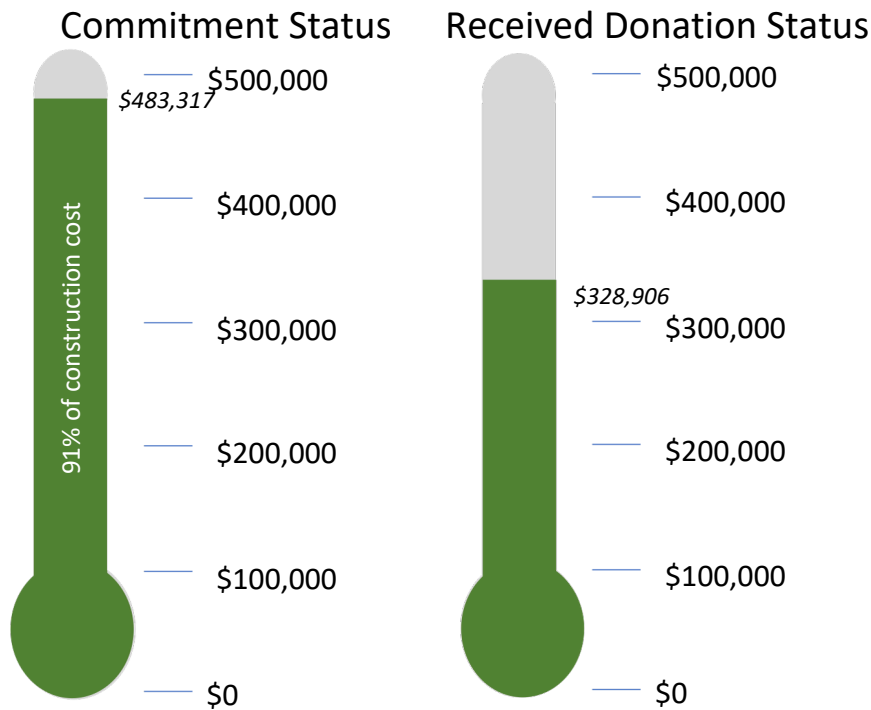
Peace Pavilion Highlights:

- 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

Status as of November 19, 2024

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

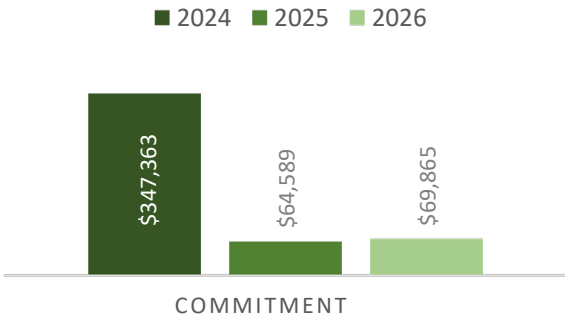


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| Donor Level | 3 Year Commitment | Number of Pledged Donors |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Buckeye | \$50,000+ | 2 |
| Oak | \$25,000 - \$50,000 | 5 |
| Maple | \$10,000 - \$25,000 | 7 |
| Rose | \$5,000 - \$10,000 | 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!



Luke 2:1-7 (the Message translation)

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

Merry Christmas! For this year's Children's Christmas Program, I wrote the following poem to tell the story.

Mary and Joseph had come a long way to Bethlehem for a place to stay
They tried at the Inn but were told there's no room they must have been filled with sadness and gloom

But soon they were given a place to stay not a fancy hotel but a barn filled with hay
They weren't alone – there were cows and sheep in a stable that night, they all tried to sleep

But soon the time came for the babe to be born Jesus is here! Happy Christmas morn
Surrounded by animals that kept watch all night Rejoiced with the angels at this blessed sight

The shepherds were doing their job that night watching the sheep by the stars and moonlight
And then what a sight they see in the sky a bright light, an angel, God's glory, OH MY!

The shepherds were frightened, so scared and afraid they probably wished in their beds they had stayed
But the angel said so peaceful and sweet "Fear not, I've got someone I want you to meet!"

The angel told them the good news of great joy the Savior has come and it's a baby boy
He's there in a barn on the outside of town this king wears a diaper instead of a crown!

And then more angels appeared in the heavens, 10 thousand, a million and 10, or 11
They sang: "Glory to God Peace, Joy and Love God has come to the earth from heaven above"

Imagine the sight imagine the sound the angels, the glory of God shining round
The song of the angels so lovely and sweet filled the shepherds with joy from their heads to their feet

"Peace on earth to women and men to children and animals and ALL, AMEN"
May we join the chorus and lift up our voice the good news of Christmas – Rejoice, Rejoice!

When an angel tells you to go, you go! Don't dilly or dally, wandering to and fro.
For a babe has come to set us free there in the stable, the shepherds will see

There as the angels had told them they found a babe wrapped in cloth, and animals round
Mary and Joseph, proud parents they are and over the stable, they now see a star

Others will soon come to worship the king they will offer their gifts, and songs they will sing
And all who are blessed of this sight to behold will share the good news, good news to be told

This Christmas may we remember this story Mary, Joseph the shepherds, the angels, their glory together with Wise Men they share news of great joy
The good news of God's love for each girl and boy.

For unto us a Savior is born who comes to us on Christmas Morn This child is a gift given to us out of love the babe in a manger, sent from God above

A message that is not for us only to hear a message of hope and joy, not of fear a message for us to sing and to shout for Jesus is what Christmas is all about!
Let us Pray. Almighty God, we join the song of joy this Christmas Day. Thank you for the gift you give us. For unto us is born a savior! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Sunday, December 29, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

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| 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 | |
| Beverly Newman | Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild |
| | Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon |

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

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| December 15 | Lorraine Leavens (sister-in-law of Doug Leavens) Family of Donald Moll (brother of Carol Novotny) |
| December 22 | Ryn (Julia Vorobej's fiancé) Kaitlin Varro and baby Lilly (daughter of Joanne Burns) Keith Wisniewski (Mike Piskunoff's friend) Lia Staaf (loss of her friend) Tommy and Alexis Vlasek and their baby (Mary Olah's nephew & niece) Sally (Judy Cuciak's friend) Family of Joyce Wood |
| December 29 | Mary Lee Fidler and Family (family of Barb & Dan Fronczak) Judy Kazak Bob (Diane Fortuna's friend) |

Happy Birthday

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 Nov. 30th, 2024: | \$432,010 | \$9,191.70 |
| % of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date: | 89% | |

We need to average \$50,000 per month to reach budget! Please give abundantly & cheerfully

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| Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget: | \$53,990 | \$10,798 |
| Total Expenses incurred through 11/30/24 | \$440,164 | \$9,365.19 |

Deficit for 2024 as of 11/30/2024 = \$8,154



Follow Us!

| Date | Online | In Person | Total |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 12/22/2024 | 28 | 154 | 182 |
| 12/15/2024 | 24 | 165 | 189 |
| 12/08/2024 | 33 | 185 | 218 |
| 12/01/2024 | 45 | 152 | 197 |

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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.