

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday January 12th

Friday January 26th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young At Heart Lunch

Saturday January 27th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday January 28th
7:00 am - 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
9 & 11 In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday January 29th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 30th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 31st
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday February 1st
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO
3:00 pm Communion Ministry team Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 2nd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 3rd
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:30 pm SiS Movie Night

Sunday February 4th
9 & 11 am in Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
3:00 pm Cleveland Charge Game

Monday February 5th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Cookie Decoration Class
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

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



Altar Guild

Bring in your palms by February 11. Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday.

Please place them in the basket on the high table next to the fireplace. The palms are burned to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday worship services.



SiS Movie Night

Please join us on Saturday, February 3rd at 5:30 pm in the HS Youth Room! Movie TBD!

Bring your own dinner and a donation for Friendship APL- dawn dishsoap, kitchen (13 gal) or trash (45 gal) bags, purina kitten/cat or puppy/dog dry food, canned kitten/cat or puppy/dog food, puppy pads, cat toys, paper towels used towels, gift card for pet stores. No reservation needed! Questions? Contact Beth Cornick & Joan Drobnak

Congregational Meeting

The next congregational meeting Sunday February 11, 2024 at 10am. Please join us!

Travel Quest

The next Travel Quest event will be on Sunday, January 28th. The event will feature the Dutch piano duo performance at Rocky River UMC. Contact Bob Thompson for details. This event is free.



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.



Coffee House & Open Mic Night

*Saturday, January 27,
2024*

Start of our 11th year!

*Come & go anytime from 6:30 - 9 pm
Bring your friends to:*

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 44145*



*Enjoy great entertainment in a Coffee
House setting with a variety of performers sharing their
music, magic and "whatever". Join us for lip smacking
snacks, yummy desserts and aromatic coffee in a friendly
relaxing atmosphere.*



Ten(10) performance spots available with up to
three songs each. Sign-up sheet available at
6:15pm with first performance at 6:30 pm sharp!

No cost to attend - All are welcome



Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Aristo Bistro, located at 25124 Center Ridge Rd. in Westlake.

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



Love Inc. 2024



Our congregation has found a helpful way to meet the needs of those who come to our door for assistance through Love, INC. This ministry is not funded through our budget rather it comes from those of you who have chosen to sponsor a month with \$125. Individuals or ministry groups are encouraged to prayerfully consider sponsoring. May God bless this cooperative effort as we work to transform lives In the Name of Christ. \$1500 was donated to Love, Inc. in 2023. See Tom Splawski for more information.

Please Sign Up to sponsor a Month for 2024 at the information station in the lower Narthex.

SOAP Bible Study

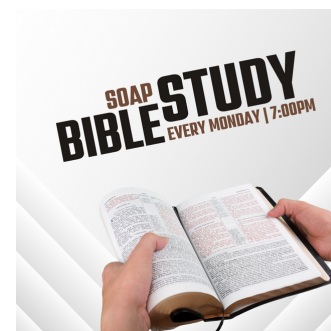
Join us for a new year! SOAP Meets Monday's at 7:00 pm.

The schedule is:

1/29/24 2 Kings 23-24.

(25 is optional and encouraged, but not required).

Questions? Contact Mark Givens at mpgivens@ameritech.net



New Member Classes

Our next new member Classes will be held on February 18th and 25th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am!

If you are interested in joining please contact princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

You Belong Here!
Join our new member classes!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP (PEACE PAVILION) COMMITTEE

The Outdoor Worship Committee was established in 2023 to take the next steps with usage of the Prince of Peace exterior campus. Our sole focus in 2023 was to assess the feasibility of an outdoor worship space based on the conceptual design work completed in 2022 and 2023. The committee consisted of Phil Sprague (chair), Jim Dickey, Evan Saunders, Mary Meadows, Dineen Terstage, Pastor Charlie Woodward, Steve Zinram. The committee met frequently during the year in conjunction with our architect, John Faile and Associates.

Tactically, we have made good progress on the Peace Pavilion in 2023. During the year we:

- Completed the preliminary design of the Peace Pavilion working with architect John Faile and Associates. This effort was funded by a generous grant from the Prince of Peace General Endowment Fund.
- Obtained design approval from the City of Westlake.
- Obtained a directional cost estimate within our budget of \$500,000 from Sciarappa Construction of Avon Lake.
- Completed a “silent” capital campaign which indicated several members are willing to contribute. We estimate that we have secured \$200,000 in funding over a three-year period. In addition, we have expanded the Capital Campaign seeking to raise a total of \$500,000.
- Obtained Church Council approval to proceed to a special congregational vote on February 11th at the Annual Meeting.
- Released a Request for Proposal document to four qualified vendors to select a contractor.
- Received initial donations for the Peace Pavilion (Thank You!!!).

We have continued to refine our design to meet our requirements both aesthetically and financially.



Click on the video icon for a video about the pavilion!



Peace Pavilion rendering looking south from Center Ridge Road.




Peace Pavilion rendering looking west from existing church parking lot. . . . and yes, there will be a paved path from the parking lot to the pavilion!

click on the images for more!

Our goal is to obtain congregational approval in February, select a contractor, and obtain a building permit from the City of Westlake. We hope to break ground in the Spring of 2024 and provide opportunities to worship in the Peace Pavilion in 2024.

YOUTH & CE EVENTS!


**CLEVELAND
CHARGE GAME**



SUNDAY 3PM
FEB. 4TH Wolstein Center

YOUTH HOOPS DAY
FIRST 3,000 FANS GET COMIC BOOK
SPECIALTY CAPTAIN AMERICA JERSEYS
POST GAME FREE THROWS AND AUTOGRAPHS
\$5 CONCESSION CREDIT PER PERSON

MARVEL
CAPTAIN AMERICA
NIGHT



Register
Here



FRIDAY MARCH 1ST
@7PM

Rocket Mortgage Field House

All tickets include \$6
concession credit!

ALL ARE WELCOME
SIGN UP BELOW

1-2-3 NIGHT
\$1 SODAS
\$2 HOT DOGS
\$3 LABATT BLUE BEERS



CAT CAFE
TOY MAKING

Help us make gifts to take to
our kitty friends

Sunday February 18th
11AM - 1pm

We will make homemade catnip toys to take
with us to the Cat Cafe on February 25th

***If you have a sewing machine and want
to come help please contact Hilary Lucas



Affogato
CAT CAFE

Join us and our furry friends

February 25th
Noon - 2pm

We will take homemade cat toys to share
with the kittens to enjoy play time, hot
cocoa, and sweet treats!

Meet at Prince of Peace at 11:00AM.
Sign up by scanning this QR code.
Registration required. →

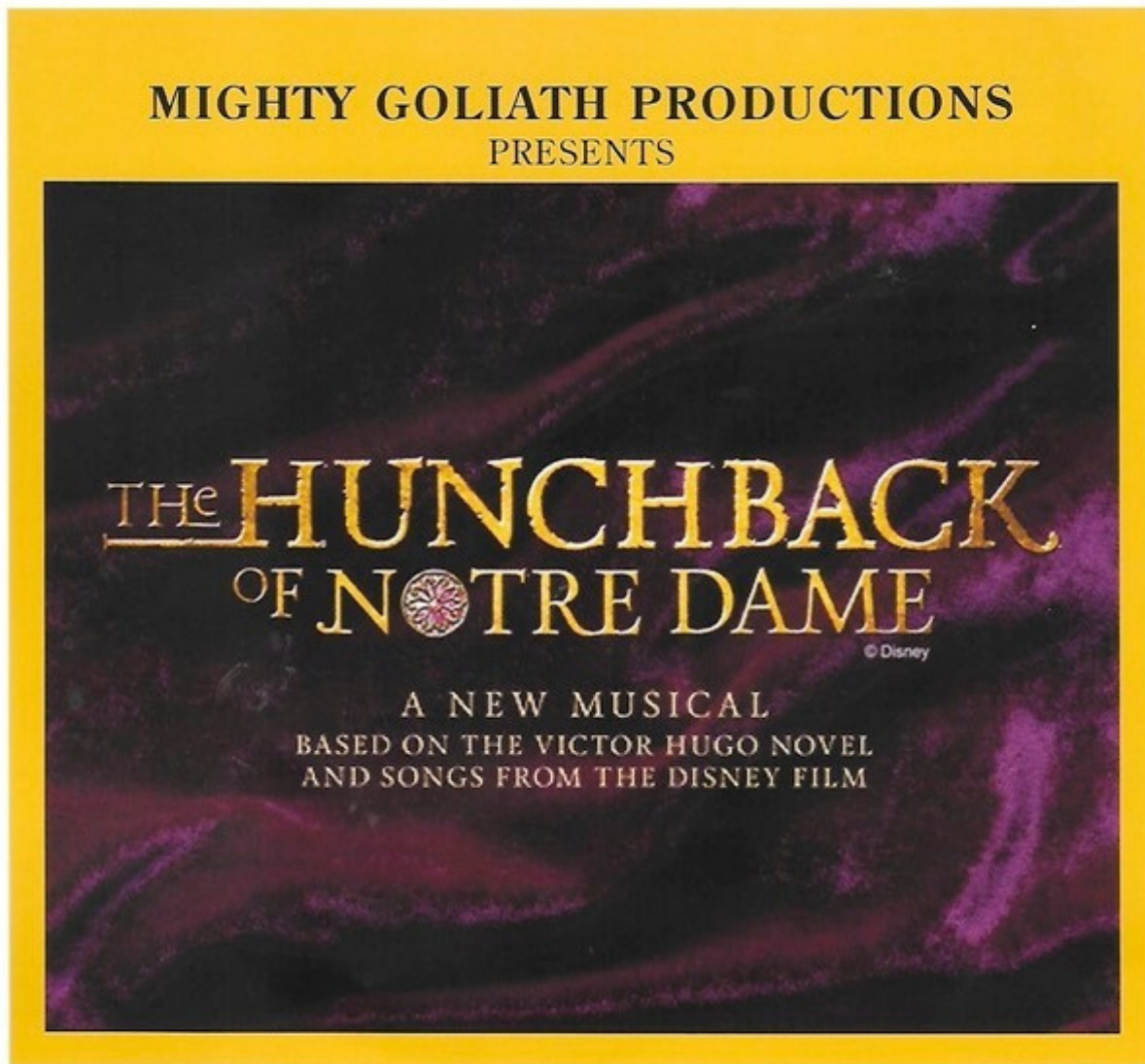


Travel Quest Event, The Hunchback of Notre Dame!

Discounted group tickets are \$10 for seniors (60+) and students, and \$15 for adults. Seating is general admission and tickets are good for any show so if February 10 at 1:30 is not a viable option, people can attend one of the other performances taking place on February 2, 3, 9 or 10 at 7:00 p.m., or February 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Three Prince of Peace members are involved in this production: Bethany Pearce (Vocal Director), Zack Dragony (Chorus), and Natalie Pearce (Gargoyle)!

Signup is in the narthex. Payment is due by January 30th, either cash or a check made payable to Lisa Woodward.



FEBRUARY 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2024 AT 7:00PM
FEBRUARY 4* & 10, 2024 MATINEES AT 1:30 PM

*SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

Avon Lake High School

Daniel B. Ross Performing Arts Center
175 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.MIGHTYGOLIATH.COM



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CELEBRATING OUR 65TH PRODUCTION

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Jonah 3:1-10

Conversion of Nineveh

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

6 When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. 8 Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

If you have time (it doesn’t take long since it is only 4 chapters long), read the book of Jonah.

Jonah tries to run from God’s call to go to Nineveh. Instead, he jumps on a boat to Tarshish to run from God. Jonah knows exactly what he had done - he tried to run from God, but he didn’t run far enough. Jonah is thrown overboard by the terrified sailors, and the storm subsides. On his way to the bottom of the sea and to certain death, Jonah is swallowed by a big fish and in the belly of this fish Jonah relents. After three days Jonah is coughed up head over heels on the sand. He reluctantly goes to Nineveh, believing all the time that this is a big waste of time.

Jonah walks through this enormous city calling out a simple message. There is no call to repentance, no message of God’s love, only a threat, “In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed!” It seems as if Jonah is making his message as offensive and as blunt as he possibly can. It seems as if he was looking for a reaction – a reaction of disbelief and rejection from the people of Nineveh. “You want to hear good news,” Jonah says, “Well, you have come to the wrong church! 40 days and Nineveh will be destroyed - have a nice day!”

Much to Jonah’s dismay, a miracle happens. The entire city from the king down to the poorest peasant believed God’s message. Even the sheep and cattle are involved. Everyone wears sackcloth and ashes and prays that God will not destroy them. Can you imagine such a sight? Can you imagine Jonah’s surprise and shock?

In spite of his reluctance, despite of his half-hearted attempt at speaking God’s message, regardless of his lousy attitude that the people of Nineveh weren’t worth it, and apart from his rather poor sermon, the whole city falls on its knees in repentance and prayer. In fact, we are told that it took three days to walk through Nineveh from one side to the other and Jonah had only walked for one day. Most of the city hadn’t even heard Jonah’s message personally, perhaps hearing it only from neighbors and friends. Yet the response is overwhelming.

Jonah’s half-hearted efforts resulted in Nineveh’s wholehearted response. Jonah was wrong. People like that DO change. The one person in the whole story who found it difficult to change was Jonah himself. Jonah is so angry; he would rather just die. He has more sympathy for a shrub that provided shade one day and dies the next than a city of over a hundred thousand inhabitants. Jonah becomes angry because God is not. Jonah wanted justice not grace, punishment not forgiveness.

What are we to make of this whole story about Jonah? This is a story of God’s love and mercy.

PASTOR
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Ross Barlett writes these words about this lesson:

For some of us, a disconcerting message in this saga - at least from one point of view - is the notion of God changing God's mind. The text clearly says, God saw their repentance and that they turned from their evil ways and God's mind was changed. There are many traditional branches of theology that turn pale at such a notion. Lest there be any doubt, the message given to Jonah by God was not a warning. It was not, "do this or else." It was a clear statement of what would happen - namely, destruction. But God's mind is changed. When God does that, it tends to annoy good religious folk like us no end.

We get into the habit of assuming we have God all locked up. After all, we read the bible, we go to worship, we hear sermons, we pray we're supposed to be on God's wavelength. We may not control God but we have a pretty good handle on God's actions - or so we figure. Then God does something entirely out of the ordinary and we are not only surprised, but we may also be annoyed.

*Let me say this - God may do something **different** but God is **not inconsistent**. What generally happens is that we haven't considered the parts of divine reality that we already knew but conveniently forgot. The Book of Jonah was recorded to respond to a narrowing of Israel's religious perspective, a forgetting that God was the God of all, and that God was AND IS a God of great mercy. This is a useful reminder. The history of Christianity is dotted with occasions when we have forgotten God's breadth. It is filled with examples when we have narrowed God's concerns to the edges of our own agenda. How often has God been portrayed as the God of our side, our race, our culture, our politics, and so on?*

Jesus called people to follow him, down strange paths and into unexpected places. As you and I move into the future the options seem clear. Will we be open to God's call to us, regardless of how striking and improper it may seem? Or will we join Jonah and go and buy a ticket to Tarshish? Either way, we still have to deal with God.

God's is consistent, even when we are reluctant! God is gracious and merciful even in spite of our best or worst efforts.

Let us pray: Almighty God, thank you for sending a fish to save Jonah. Thank you for sending your Son to save us. 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

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
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, January 28, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
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
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
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	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

January 14	George Dubitsky (Barb Koch's brother-in-law) Gary & Hollie Andrus and family Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin)
January 21	Mike Hosler Gloria McClellan and family Dave Saunders
January 28	Joanne Burns Marsha & Tim Regan and family Pam Rotella Family of Joan Gruber and Kathy Kettler Leonard Drobnak (Tom Drobnak's father) Dick Hardy



Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/21/2024	51	132	183
01/14/2024	58	173	231
01/07/2024	48	155	203
12/31/2023	48	88	136

1/3 Ashley Alspach
 1/3 Chris Hallowell
 1/3 Noah Katrinczak
 1/5 Jan Filkill
 1/6 James Braun Sr.
 1/7 Jordyn Jagels
 1/8 Mara Lipschutz
 1/10 Audrey Swanson
 1/10 Tony Perez
 1/11 Alex Babinski
 1/12 Isaiah Comnick
 1/13 Jessica Carimi
 1/14 Pierce Gleespen
 1/17 James Lehman
 1/17 Michelle Goggin
 1/19 Emma Andrus

1/19 Don Miler
 1/21 Beth Comnick
 1/21 Marie Witt
 1/23 Jane Wyant
 1/25 Darlene Roman
 1/25 Michael Pietraroia
 1/26 Barb Fronczak
 1/27 Dave Novotny
 1/27 Suzann Creech\
 1/27 Phil Sprague
 1/28 Patty Beard
 1/29 Molly Fortuna
 1/29 Nicholas Hrouda
 1/31 Jim Heimbuch



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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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.



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