



February 28th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday February 28th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday March 1st
10:30 am Spring Altar Guild Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:30 pm Sisters in Spirit Movie Night

Sunday March 2nd
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday March 3rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 4th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday March 5th
11:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Lunch & Study
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday March 6th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 7th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
6:00 pm Monster's Game

Saturday March 8th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 9th
First Bible Presentation
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
3:00 pm TQ Civic Concert Band
7:00 pm Council Meeting

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

Tuesday March 11th
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting
*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love *
Live In Peace*

Thank You Wendy!

I am sorry to share the news that our Church Administrator Wendy Hansen will be leaving us for a new job. Wendy has served as Church Administrator for the past two and a half years, taking the position September 19, 2022. We have been blessed by Wendy's gifts and compassion and care to all here at Prince of Peace. She has gone to great lengths to update and modernize the office equipment and functionality.

In Wendy's letter of resignation, she shared this: I have accepted an opportunity to work for another organization as a project administrator. My last day will be on March 7th. I will do all that I can to make this an easy transition for the church and assist with bringing a new person on board...I want to thank you both for giving me the opportunity to work with you, the church and most importantly, sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Wendy, for your gifts. We wish you God's blessings and peace.

Lent 2025

Wednesday Mid-Day Soup and Study – Fellowship Hall (11:45 am to 1 pm)

March 12 to April 9, we will gather for a Soup Lunch and Study. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am, followed by a time of study using the video and book by Adam Hamilton entitled "The Message of Jesus." We will take turns making soup for the group, and all participants are invited to bring a salad or side dish or bread to share. For more information contact Pastor Charlie.

Prayer Wall

During the season of Lent, a prayer wall will be on a table once again in the narthex, at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God.

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

11:00 am – Traditional Worship - Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

12 Noon – Soup Lunch and introduction to Wednesday Lenten Study

7:00 pm – Traditional Worship - Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

Women In Transition

We are accepting donations for women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great! We have been asked to refrain from collecting women's clothing for them at this time. Please drop off your donations at the Donation Station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to POP. The 2024 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2025. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace. To direct Choice Dollars log on to Thrivent.com (<https://www.thrivent.com>) or call (800) 847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at timothy.regan@thrivent.com.

Sisters in Spirit

We will meet Saturday, March 1st, for a movie night at 5:30pm, We will be meeting in the High School Youth Room. Bring your own dinner.

No RSVP needed. Contact Joan Drobnak at jdrobn@gmail.com or Beth Cornick at bcomnick@outlook.com with questions



Travel Quest

Join Travel Quest for their next event to hear the Lorain County Civic Band concert on Sunday, March 9th, at 3:00pm. This is a free event!



Giving Statements

The 2024 Giving Statements were mailed or emailed on January 27, 2025. If you need a copy, or have questions on your statement, please email secretarypopfinancial@gmail.com or call the office.



Spring Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 am – Charter Room

We are meeting to discuss Lent, Easter and summer worship plans.

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).



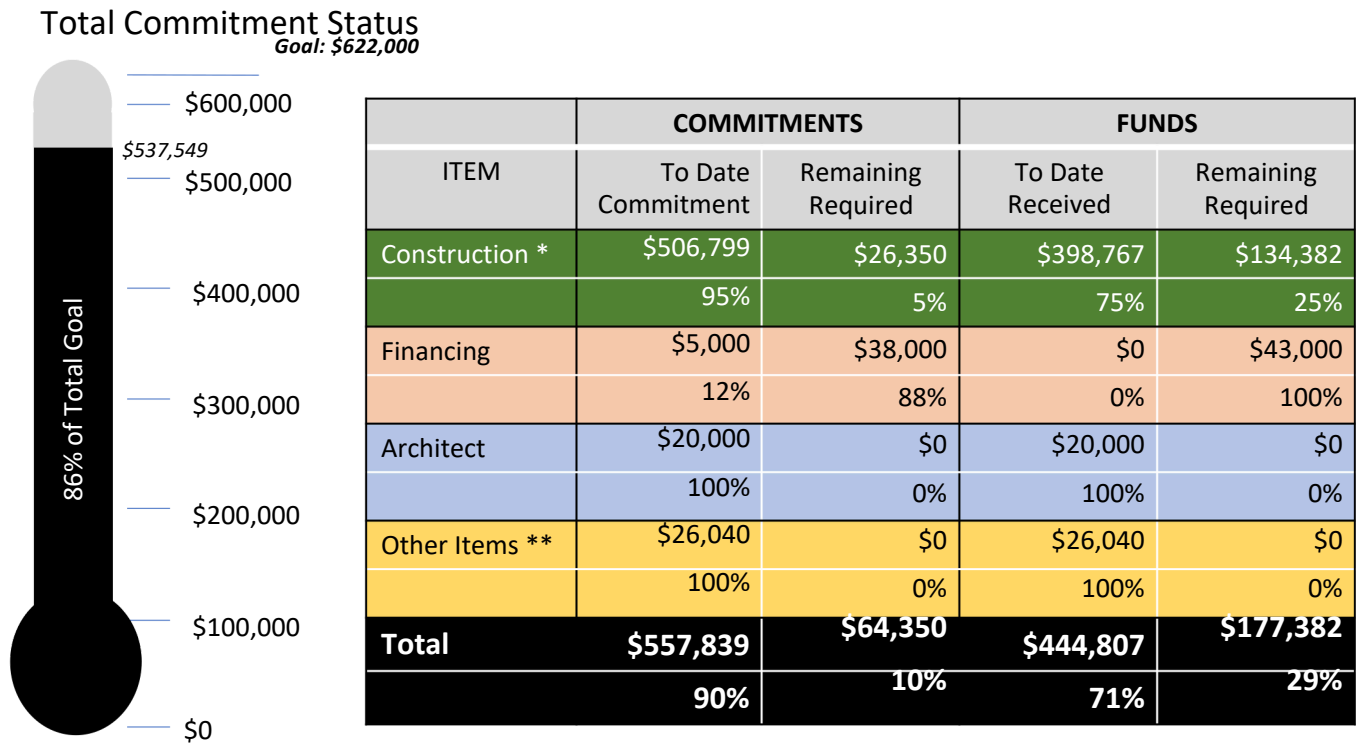
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of February 24, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

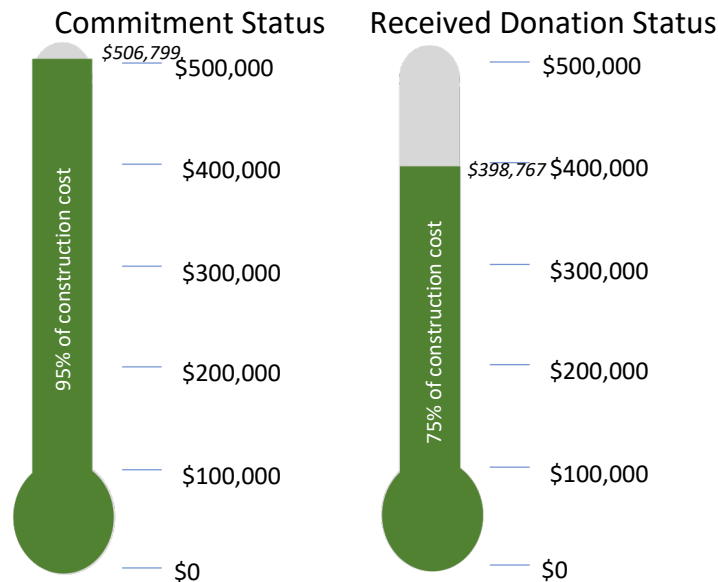
Other Items * = \$26,040



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.

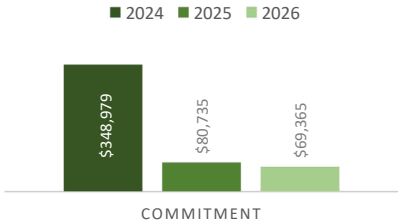
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only
Status as of February 24, 2025

Construction Cost* = \$533,149



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

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



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Thank you for your continued support of the Peace Pavilion. Our momentum continues as we enter 2025 and are truly blessed to have such generous support across our congregation and community. Here are some recent highlights and milestones:

We reached a 95% commitment level for the Construction of the Peace Pavilion. We reached an 90% commitment level for the overall project with 71% of the total project funds received. We have added a third donor to our "Buckeye" level of commitment for the Peace Pavilion. We received our first pledge for the Financing component of the project. We are excited as our May 4th Dedication Service approaches and again, we are humbled by your continued support.

Sincerely,
The Outdoor Worship Committee



Coffee House

& OPEN MIC NIGHT!



Update for SHP

We are on our way! Donations are coming in supporting our Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) ministry which will remain our focus throughout Lent. As you can see in the infographic below, happy to report we are getting closer to our Full Build Goal (20 beds, \$250 per bed, \$5000 total) along with a great start of in-kind donations of sheets and comforters to accompany each bed.

Remember to save the date for our Build Date on June 7th! (signups coming soon)
We will continue to update the infographic to track our progress towards reaching our goal and prayerfully ask for continued donations both to fund the beds and in-kind donations of new kids twin bedding: twin "Bedding in Bag" set, kids twin sheet sets, pillows, mattress protectors, comforters, quilts, blankets and throws.

Thank you to all of those who have donated! Remember, in-kind donations can be left in the SHP Collection Bin located in the Upper Lobby and monetary donations are welcome in any amount. We ask that donations for this project be made through the church (not direct to SHP) as part of your normal offering. PLEASE make sure to add the notation of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" to your donation whether via check (checks made out to Prince of Peace), Tithe.ly, or via envelope.
Any questions, please see Diane Merhaut

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE

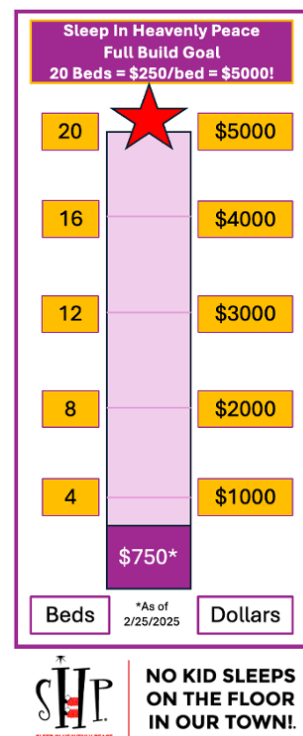
To Benefit Kids in
Western Cuyahoga County

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR
DONATIONS OF NEW
TWIN SIZE

MATTRESS PROTECTORS
PILLOWS
COMFORTERS
BED IN A BAG SETS
SHEET SETS
QUILTS
BLANKETS
THROWS



SHP is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that works with community volunteers to build and deliver beds to kids who don't have them.



Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA
Cleveland West Cluster Spring Rally
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
May 3, 2025
8:30 AM registration \$5
Offering 50% to NEOSWO and 50% to Sleep in Heavenly Peace
In-kind Gifts---Stuffed animals, standard sized pillows, twin sheets
THEME
"SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"
Presentation from Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!.**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28455 Center Ridge Rd
Westlake, Ohio 44145
RSVP deadline April 28 · Sherryweber@verizon.net or
phone 914-924-4451
More information to follow

Profile Story

PATRICK COSTELLO



Patrick was born in Reston, VA, a suburb of Washington, DC. He grew up in Vermilion, OH with 2 sisters. He attended Vermilion High School. Patrick furthered his education at Lorain County Community College earning an Associates of Arts Degree, and Cleveland State University earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Philosophy.

Patrick has a daughter, Charlie, age 7 who comes along on Sundays. He enjoys watching Charlie learn and grow most of all! She is interested in all sorts of cool things and loves to create and illustrate new characters and creatures. Patrick knows he is blessed to have a bright and creative kid! He also loves spending time with his dog Snowy and helping his family with projects.

Patrick is a certified Arborist and holds the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) through the ISA. He currently works for the City of Lakewood Division of Forestry. He has worked for private tree companies as a tree climber as well.

As Ian Faleer is regularly seeking out talented musicians, he invited Patrick to fill in on drums and guitar. He has been part of the Contemporary Praise Band in several capacities recently. Patrick is grateful for the opportunity to play music at Prince of Peace and says everyone he has met in the congregation has been so nice and welcoming!

With an entrepreneurial vision, Patrick recently purchased a home and is currently in the process of renovating it himself! It is a big project but he enjoys carpentry and teaching his daughter about how a home is built. It's the 2nd house he has gutted with her!

Another interest of his is travel. He has backpacked through Japan and 9 European countries! Patrick enjoys seeing different regions of the U.S. and visiting our National and State Parks. After seeing the Eclipse last year, he plans on making it to Iceland to see the Total Solar Eclipse in 2026! Something that people may not know about Patrick is that he can Juggle doing 3 and 4 ball tricks! Other interests include cycling, playing hockey, tree climbing, camping and woodworking.

Patrick will contribute much energy into anything he is involved in. We can look forward to his use of his Time and Talents here at Prince of Peace!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Writer

KIDS BOOK BANK

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD
1-3PM
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

Volunteer to sort books that will be distributed to schools and communities to promote literacy. Welcoming donations of early readers, children's, and teen books, especially books featuring diverse populations and characters of color





Mark 9:2-9

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Jesus takes the disciples who come to be known as the inner circle — these disciples are with Jesus at the Mountain of Transfiguration and will be with him in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest on the night he was betrayed. There on the mountain, Jesus is transformed before their eyes. He shines with the glory and splendor they had never seen. And if that isn't enough, Jesus is not alone — standing with him are the pillars of their heritage — Moses and Elijah — the cornerstones of Law and the Prophets. A face shining like the sun, clothes of dazzling white, Moses and Elijah — something powerful is occurring on that mountaintop, but it is difficult for the disciples to comprehend. Just a few days earlier, Peter gets it right in his confession that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, but his human limitation prevents his understanding of what that confession will mean.

In his attempt to make sense of the magnificent transformation taking place before his eyes, Peter tries to talk it out, to speak words for the unspeakable. He wants to build three dwelling places, three holy places to worship these three.

Peter's predicament reminds me of the great baseball announcer, Jack Buck, who was calling the World Series Game 1, LA Dodgers vs the Oakland A's in the late 1980s. The Dodgers were down 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning — two outs and a man on. Out of the dugout and up to the plate came Kirk Gibson (former Detroit Tiger). He had not played at all that night — he had two bad knees and barely able to walk. And yet, Gibson hit a home run. He was barely able to make it around the bases. Jack Buck's famous quote that night, "I can't believe what I just saw."

While Peter is still speaking, a bright cloud overshadows all of them and a voice interrupts his speech: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him."

There are times when it is best to be quiet.

Sometimes it is best to just be quiet. Sometimes at amazing scenes, the newscasters have learned to just let the audience soak it in. That is what James and John did. Peter couldn't be kept quiet, until the cloud covered them, and the voice spoke. This is MY Son, my beloved, LISTEN TO HIM.

When the cloud clears and the company is gone, Jesus touches the disciples, calms their fears, raises them up and takes them back down to the valley. They tell NO ONE what has just occurred. Why? Maybe because it was impossible to put into words. Or maybe because Jesus had told them that his mission is not yet fulfilled. Jesus does not come to us so that we can worship him on a mountain. No, he comes to take away the sin of the world. The journey to the cross begins.

At the end of that journey, another vision on a hill takes place. This one stands in stark comparison — Instead of a high mountain, it is a hill outside of the city walls of Jerusalem. Instead of shining forth in glory, Jesus is a vision of shame. Instead of clothes dazzling white, his clothes have been stripped of him, gambled away by the Roman soldiers keeping guard. No longer is Jesus flanked by Moses and Elijah — at the cross there are two criminals facing a similar gruesome fate. No words of Peter celebrating the glory of Jesus, for at the cross, Peter is hiding away after denying knowing Jesus three times. The voice of God is replaced by the voice of a Roman soldier — but here, yes here is where things tie together — for even the soldier at the foot of the cross confesses that Jesus is the Son of God.

Like Peter and the other disciples, we are also invited to LISTEN TO HIM — God speaking to us through the Word — Jesus himself, the Word made flesh. We, too, are offered the touch of the savior, who reaches us in our fear and trembling, our bumbling and stumbling.

Let me take this opportunity to invite you to the journey of Lent. I believe there is no better invitation than the invitation given by God on the mountaintop to his followers — this is Jesus, my beloved — LISTEN TO HIM! We, like Peter, find ourselves filling the silence with words and ideas, plans and projects, lists to be done, activities to join in. How can we listen when we aren't taking the time to do just that. May we, like Elijah, find the opportunity to hear God speak in the still small voice. May we take heed to the words of the Psalmist who shares God's invitation with us, "Be still, and know that I am God." May we take the opportunity given to us by our church calendar to enter in to Lent to listen to God. My invitation to you today is this — give up something for Lent. BUT, may that thing you give up be the thing that is getting in your way of following this command to listen. The radio. The TV. The internet. Give up some of that time and give it to God — fill it with a time of devotion and a time of prayer.

As we enter the season of Lent, there is opportunity for us to be quiet, and listen. When was the last time you really stopped to listen to what God is saying to you? When was the last time you sought God's opinion on a decision in your life? When was the last time you changed direction in your life because of what God had to say? Are you afraid of what you might hear?

Listen, God is ready to tell you wonderful words — words of forgiveness. Words of hope. Words of love. You are my child. I love you. Listen!

Save the
Date!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June
16-20



Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD

AN ECUMENICAL VBS FOR CHILDREN K-GRADE 5

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

28455 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

STAY TUNED FOR PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION INFO!



Sunday, March 2, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

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
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	Jan Filkill's daughter
Ron Peckham	
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon
Laura K.	Deb Gibbons' friend

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

February 16	Ira Silverman (Friend of Pat Sprague)
	Genny Patterson and her family (friend of Lisa and James Arrigo)
	Susan Goltz (Kathy Kettler's cousin)
February 23	Despina Sgondea (Diane Merhaut's friend)
	Nancy Bishop (Jan Juhn's friend)
	Aiden Clark (Krystle Henry's godson)
	Daniel Reisner (Krystle Henry's family member)
	Linda Fronczak (Dan & Barb Fronczak's family member)
	George-Ryan Grimes (Mike & Sherry Weber's son-in-law)
	Emily Saunders
	Lia Staaf
	Mary Owens
March 2	Phoebe (Mark Given's granddaughter)
	Rick Spencer (family member of Fran Molnar)

Happy Birthday

02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/13 Erin Bruneau
02/02 Emma Perry	02/13 Kathy McCollum
02/02 Rachel Drobnak	02/13 Jane Carlson
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/04 Diane Christian	02/13 Sally Balch
02/04 James Wilhelm	02/15 Betsy Bailey
02/04 Tom Herren	02/16 Carol Novotny
02/05 Bradley Pearce	02/16 Connor Burdette
02/05 Erin Jagels	02/16 Saige Worsencroft
02/05 Julia Vorobej	02/17 Dennis MacKenzie
02/06 Sean Biller	02/18 Donald Chrismar
02/07 James Arrigo	02/18 Elayna Gros
02/08 Charles Sieving	02/21 Andrea Petta
02/08 Joann Burson	02/21 Kieran Lavin
02/09 Diane Miller	02/22 Jan Saunders
02/10 Sean Lavin	02/23 Edna Dickey
02/10 Nicholas Fortuna	02/23 Jon Steinbrecher
02/12 Chris Rehack	02/24 Beverly Braun
02/12 Laney Ventimiglia	02/24 Keith Wyant
02/12 Melody Hauser	02/28 Chris Petta
02/13 Charlie Woodward	02/28 Shaun Dillon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren
02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue
02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

Date	Online	In Person	Total
02/23/2025	34	164	198
02/16/2025	61	114	175
02/09/2025	45	146	191
02/02/2025	56	137	193

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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.

Second Harvest

The requested items for January are:

Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Dec. 31st, 2024:	\$506,754	\$9,745.27
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	104%	
Total ministry expenses incurred in 2024	\$485,476	\$9,336.07
Projected Surplus for 2024:	\$21,278	

Thank you for your abundant giving in 2024!!



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