



January 23rd, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday January 23rd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday January 24th

Sunday January 25th
7:00 am - 3:00 pm Blood Drive
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am

Monday January 26th
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 27th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 28th

Thursday January 29th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW

Friday January 30th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 31st

Sunday February 1st
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am

Monday February 2nd
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 3rd
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, January 23, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Mahle's Restaurant & Lounge located at 24945 Detroit Rd. in Westlake. Please add your name to the signup sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511 (home) or 440-825-2674(Cell).

Hope for a Cure with Claire

I'm thrilled to announce my leading in Blood Cancer United's, formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Student Visionaries of the Year campaign. This 7-week philanthropic competition empowers high school leaders to make a real difference in the fight against cancer. This is a cause close to my heart; blood cancer, especially leukemia, is the most prevalent form of cancer diagnosed in children and young adults. Sadly, I've experienced this loss firsthand, losing my paternal grandmother, Bonnie, in 2016 at the age of 67, and my maternal grandmother in 2023, just 13 days after her diagnosis and her 79th birthday. My team's fundraising goal is \$80,000, running from January 23rd to March 14th. I'm personally committed to raising \$10,000 towards this important cause. I can't do it alone –

I need your support! To learn more and please consider donating through my personal fundraising page: <https://pages.lls.org/svoy/noh/svoynoh26/cwenham>

Palms

Bring in your palms by February 15. Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from past Palm Sunday celebrations. Please place them in the basket on the table in the lower narthex. The palms are burned to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday worship services.

Giving Statements

Your annual giving statement was emailed January 16th or mailed January 20th. If you need a copy, please contact the church office or email secretarypopfinancial@gmail.com.

CHILD CARE FACILITY

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

My name is Dan Fronczak and my partner in crime is Jerry Karp. We would like to find fellow members to explore using our church building as some form of child care facility.

We feel that this is in line with our mission Statement and reaching out to the community. Congregational council has approved an exploratory committee.

We are at the starting point. As of right now, we have made no decisions or direction other than to form a committee to explore the idea. We have been told by other people and a church in our area that this could be a beneficial and continuing source of revenue for Prince of Peace.

If you would like to join us in exploring all aspects of having child care at our facility, please let me or Jerry know. Our first informational meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays, February 10, February 17, and February 24, at 7pm at the church. Please let me (440.221.6411) or Jerry (440.653.3196) know if you plan to attend.





Transforming Houses into Homes



Project Update - Thank you for the enthusiastic response to this project! Approximately half of the item gift tags have been sponsored to date. Please note, congregants are also welcome to create their own tag, listing any donation amount. We are also pleased to announce the Prince of Peace Endowment Fund has approved our grant request and will match our gifts up to \$3500. Please give generously as we make these houses a place called Home, filled with hope, stability and love!

Project Info - Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries continues their amazing work and has recently finished construction of four solar- powered small homes to help address Cleveland's housing crisis and serve those in greatest need. These innovative small homes feature state of the art energy-efficient systems and offer independent living with a full kitchen and bathroom. Prince of Peace congregants are invited to further our work as a faith partner and help transform these houses into true homes filled with hope, stability and love!

Take a Tag, Fill a Need

Please view the LMM Transforming Houses Into Homes display in the upper lobby and consider sponsoring an item for the homes. A total of 69 items have been identified by LMM as needed, ranging in price from \$13 for a pack of hangers to \$374 for a small couch. Please return tags with funds to the display collection box by January 31. Cash, check and Tithely are accepted. Checks should be made out to Prince of Peace; if using Tithely, enter "LMM Homes" in the memo. Donations of any denomination are also gratefully accepted.

Endowment Matching Funds

The Prince of Peace Endowment Fund has approved a grant request for this project and will match our gifts up to \$3500. Please give generously as we make these houses a place called home, filled with hope, stability and love.

Peace Pavilion Project and Capital Campaign

Progress, Gratitude, and the Final Push

Introduction

The Peace Pavilion Project stands as a testament to our congregation's vision, generosity, and enduring commitment to creating a space for peace, reflection, and collective spiritual growth. What a wonderful example of abundance and engagement. **THANK YOU!**

Project Completion and Remaining Expenditures

Milestone Achieved: The Peace Pavilion Construction is complete and on budget. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of all involved—donors, volunteers, staff, and our project partners. The Pavilion's completion marks a significant chapter in our church's story and sets the stage for the community to enjoy this lasting resource for years to come. Our ability to host the community Vacation Bible School, the Jazz Heritage Orchestra, and the Jungle Bob event this year are wonderful examples of Prince of Peace in action; fully utilizing the power of this asset. Programming for 2026 is advancing well and promises an active usage of the pavilion this year.

Outstanding Expenses: Our remaining expenditure is the interest associated with our project financing. We are now focused almost exclusively on reducing and eventually eliminating our financing burden.

Financial Update: Spending and Principal Paydown

Principal Reduction: As previously discussed with the Church Council, we paid \$120,000 of loan principal in July taking our loan balance down. With our ongoing payments, our loan balance at the end of 2025 is \$142,834. This significant paydown resulted in immediate interest savings and will accelerate our path to our goal of a three-year loan payoff. Our plan is working, and your generous support has made this progress possible.

Future Loan Paydowns: Looking ahead, we anticipate another substantial loan paydown in 2026. Reducing our principal in large increments not only minimizes ongoing interest costs but also demonstrates our church's strong fiscal responsibility and unity of purpose.

Funding Sources: Gratitude and Recognition

Our progress has been made possible through a combination of generous individual contributions, memorial gifting, endowment grants, and budget redirects. Every single gift, whether large or small, pledged or already collected—has been crucial. We offer heartfelt thanks to all donors for their trust and investment in this transformative project.

Thank You to Our Supporters:

- To the early visionaries who gave our campaign its momentum
- To those who met and exceeded their original pledge amount
- To all who gave their time, talents, and treasure
- And to every volunteer and advocate who shared our story far and wide . . . let's keep it up!

Your generosity is not only financial—it is a demonstration of belief in our shared mission of Prince of Peace and the future we are building together.

Giving Progress

Narrowing the Gap: We are thrilled to report that, thanks to an uptick in giving, significantly by some members beyond previous pledge amounts including our summer matching campaign, our funding gap has narrowed considerably. **Today, we are thrilled to report that our gap is less than \$10,000 of non-pledged giving.** This is an extraordinary accomplishment and a clear reflection of the congregation's commitment.

That said, **approximately \$47,000 in outstanding pledges remain.** We will be following up with members to confirm these pledges in 2026 and 2027. The timely collection of these pledges is critical for several reasons:

- It allows us to reduce our financing costs, saving resources for programming and future needs.
- It demonstrates our collective reliability to foundations and future partners.
- It helps us reach our goal of making another significant loan paydown in July 2026.

Expediting Pledge Fulfillment: **We kindly ask all those with outstanding pledges to consider advancing their gifts wherever possible. The sooner these funds are collected, the more we will reduce our interest costs.**

The Peace Pavilion now stands as a living monument to what we can achieve together. As we move forward, let us celebrate how far we've come and remain focused on finishing strong. With your help, we will close our fundraising gap, pay down our financing, and continue to build our new chapter of service, reflection, and unity for our entire community.

THANK YOU for your steadfast support, your belief in our vision, and your commitment to leaving a legacy of peace.

In His service, The Peace Pavilion Committee

Peace Pavilion Estimated Cost at Completion Status as of January 20, 2026

We have completed the Peace Pavilion and have absorbed some additional landscape costs within our budget. Our only remaining spend is interest related to our financing.

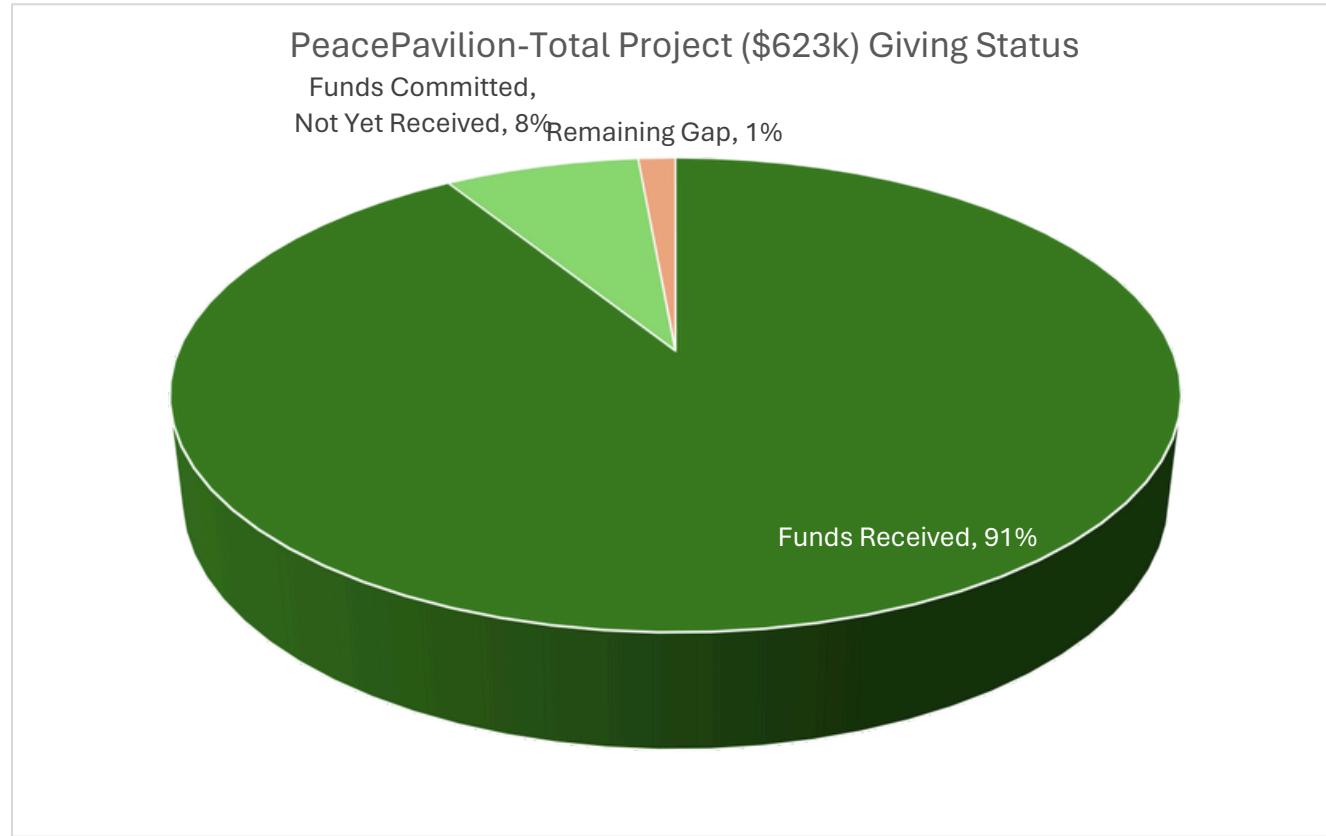
Sources of Funds (THANK YOU!)

- Giving to Date = \$521,713 *
- Future Pledges = \$46,449
- General Endowment Fund = \$20,000
- Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund = \$14,000
- Fund a Bench = \$8,800
- Altar Guild = \$3,240

TOTAL = \$614,202

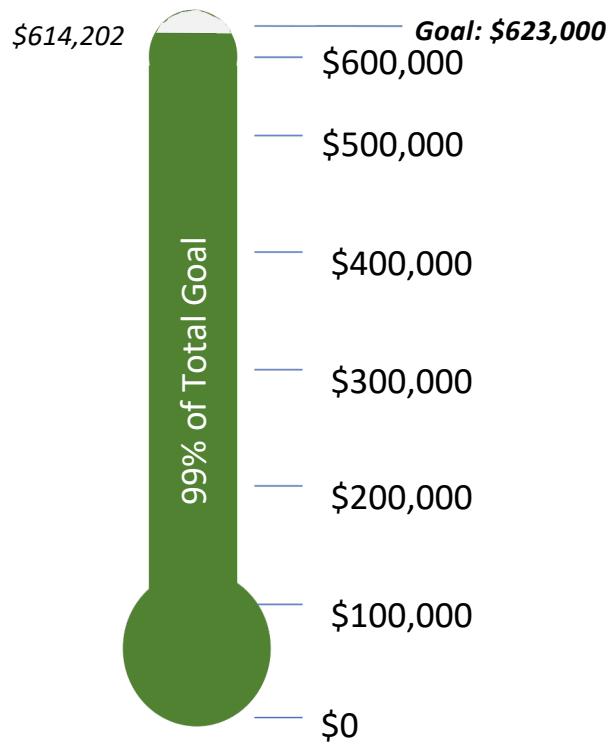
Gap = \$8,864

* Includes Anne Steinbrecher Memorial Fund, Mike Hosler Memorial Fund, and Direct Contributions to Finance Costs

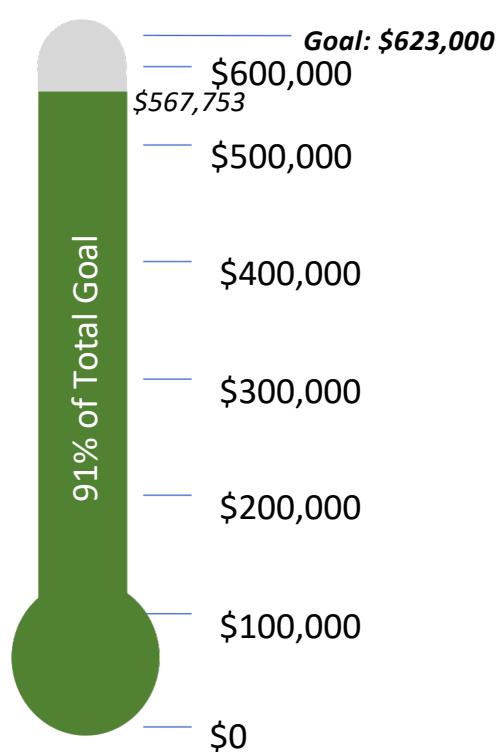


Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus Status as of January 20, 2026

Total Commitment Status



Total Giving Status

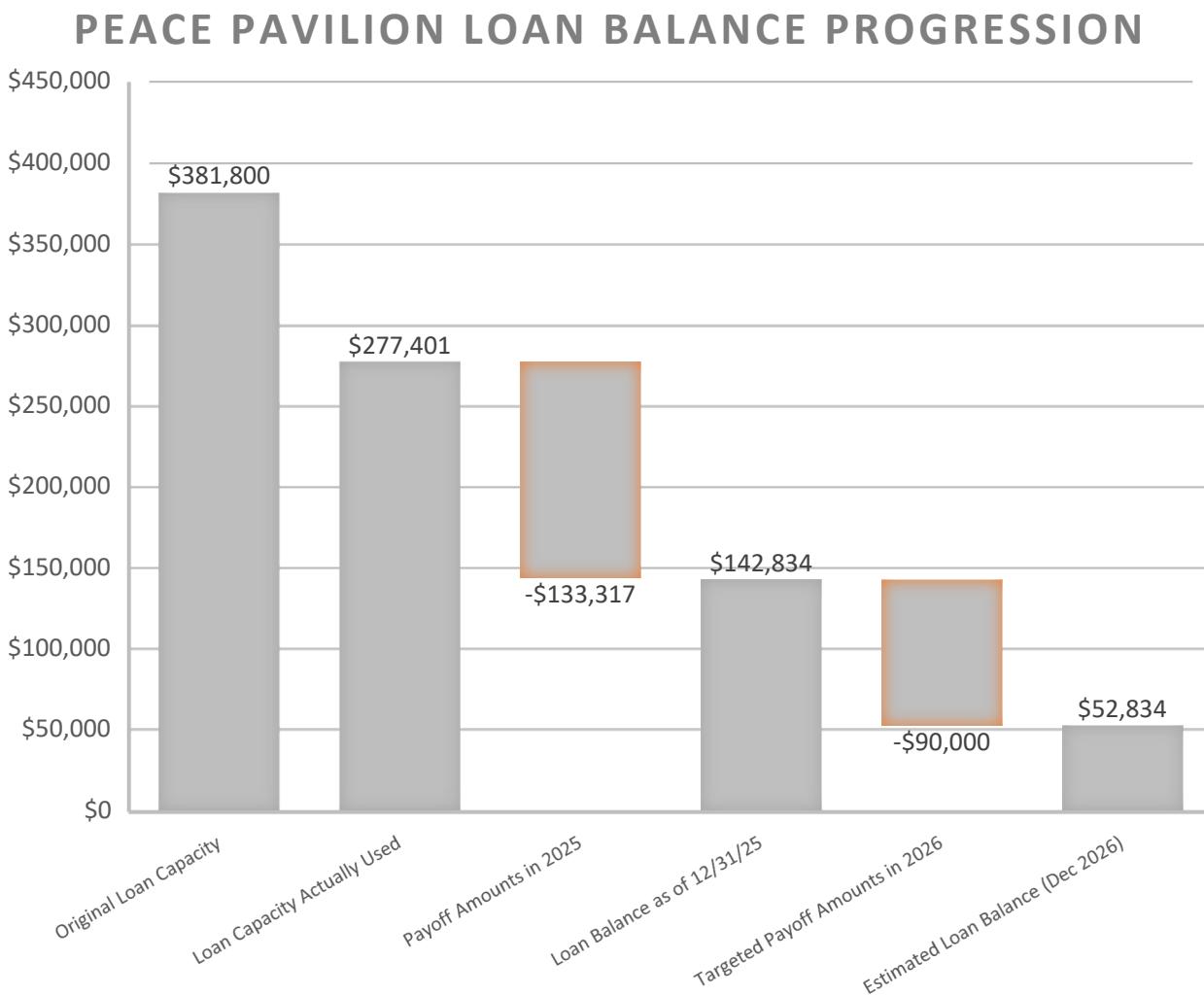


Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	3
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	11
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	9
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	27
		62



Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus Status as of January 20, 2026

Our focus is to complete the capital campaign with the primary goal to payoff our loan in three years (i.e. 2027). If we receive funds sooner, we believe we can create a larger positive variance to the original financing plan.

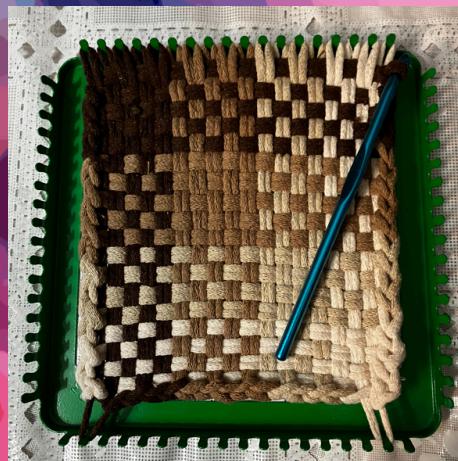


ART class

We are starting an Art Club for the children of Prince of Peace! The third Saturday of the months January to May from 1pm to 3pm in the double classroom.

The first two weeks will be doing pottery with low fire clay and glazes. Please sign up so we know how many we will have on any given Saturday.

Join us for the first one on January 17th!



SOUPER BOWL

2026



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
10:00 - 11:00AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, or
take some **to-go!** Free will offering supporting hot
meals to 2100 Lakeside Shelter





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Prince of Peace Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall
Sunday January 25th
8:00AM – 1:00PM

January is National Blood Donor Month, and the Red Cross is experiencing a critical, post-holiday blood shortage, particularly for O negative, A negative, and B negative types. Severe winter weather has forced drive cancellations, making donations urgent. Be the lifesaving difference this January and make an appointment to give now. Schedule now at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: POP2023

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-
results?zipSponsor=POP2023](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=POP2023)



Overview of the Phases of Transition

Key People Engaging

Phase 1: Saying Farewell Council/President, Synod, Celebration and Worship Teams

- Pastor announces resignation or retirement
- Bishop meets with Congregation Council
- Plan for transitional leadership
- Conclusion of Pastor's ministry

Phase 2: Congregational Health & Identity

Transition Team, Synod, Council

- Discern Congregational Health, Sustainability, and Vitality
- Discern Mission & Vision: "Who are we - and what is God calling us to?"
- Identify staffing needed to engage the Mission & Vision

Phase 3: Entering the Call Process

Call Committee, Synod, Council

- Form Call Committee (and pass along findings from Phase 2)
- Assistant to the Bishop meets with Congregation Council and Call Committee
- Preparation of Ministry Site Profile
- Interview preparation
- Receive & Interview candidates

Phase 4: Primary Candidate

Pastor Candidate, Call Committee, Synod, Council

- Call Committee recommends candidate to the Congregation Council
- Congregation Council engages with recommended candidate & negotiates compensation
- Meet & Greet for candidate and congregation
- Congregation meeting with call vote

Phase 5: Welcoming & Celebrating

- Determine timeline for rostered minister's move and start date
- Facilitate rostered minister's move
- Schedule installation service with Conference Dean

Prayer LIST

Sunday, January 25th, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Pam Rotella

Al Tielke

Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)

Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)

Bill Sweeny (Friend of Kathy McCollum)

Paula Collister (Sister-in-law of Liz Grider)

Daniel Reisner (Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo)

Jan and Larry (Friends of Dan and Barb Fronczak)

Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)

Liz Jones (Daughter of Dan and Barb Fronczak)

Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)

Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)

Emily Saunders

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

January 11th

Family of Ian Faleer in Venezuela

January 18th

Emily Saunders

Michelle Christian

January 25th

Happy Birthday

1/3 Chris Hallowell	1/21 Beth Comnick
1/3 Noah Katrinczak	1/21 Marie Witt
1/5 Jan Filkill	1/23 Jane Wyant
1/6 James Braun Sr.	1/25 Darlene Roman
1/8 Abby Perez	1/25 Michael Pietraroia
1/8 Mara Lipschutz	1/26 Barb Fronczak
1/10 Audrey Swanson	1/27 Dave Novotny
1/10 Tony Perez	1/27 Phil Sprague
1/11 Alex Babinski	1/28 Patty Beard
1/12 Isaiah Comnick	1/29 Molly Fortuna
1/13 Jessica Carimi	1/29 Nicholas Hrouda
1/13 Aaron Perez	
1/16 Kate Hartung	
1/17 James Lehman	
1/19 Emma Andrus	



1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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, 2025:	\$526,410	\$10,123
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	105%	
Total Ministry Expenses Incurred in 2025	\$519,472	\$9,990
Projected Surplus for 2026		\$6,938



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Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
01/18/2026	179	140	319
01/11/2026	149	191	340
01/04/2026	40	137	177
12/28/2025	30	80	110

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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.