



August 22nd, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Marriage Conference

Love is not simply a feeling but an action. Rediscover your hearts, grow your commitment, strengthen your marriage. You and your spouse are invited to attend a weekend away to strengthen your communication skills and to reconnect with your spouse. (On the weekend there is no group sharing time, only shared time will be with your spouse.)

When: November 7-9, 2025

Where : Fairfield Inn & Suites, Streetsboro OH.

Go to GodLovesMarriage.org for more details.



Women's Discipleship

Women's Discipleship has a longstanding history at Prince of Peace. We are a group of ladies who enjoy reading Christian literature and having discussions on what we have read. We would love to grow our membership and hope you would visit us to learn more about us. We will meet **Tuesday September 23rd in the Charter room at 11am**, we will be starting a new book, "Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God".

If you'd like to learn more about us, contact Rusty Blakeslee at 440-823-2886

Comfort Quilters

Fall is just around the corner. Time to start quilting! Since Labor Day is on the 1st, we will meet on September 8 and 22 at 1:00, then resume our usual schedule, meeting on the first and third Monday. Any questions, call Becky Wagoner (440)781-5229.



Friday August 22nd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday August 23rd
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday August 24th
8:30 am Indoor Worship
9:00 am New Member Class
10:00 am Worship in the Pavilion
12:00 pm Price of Peace at the Crushers!

Monday August 25th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday August 26th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday August 27th
2:00 pm Bible Study- The Chosen

Thursday August 28th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday August 29th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday August 30th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:00 pm Family Movie Night

Sunday August 31st
8:30 am Indoor Worship
10:00 am Worship in the Pavilion
10:00 am Welcome New Member

Monday September 1st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 2nd
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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



Save the Date!

Sunday, September 7th after the 10a service.

Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center (Mary Lasky) - Hygiene Baskets - This project offers your choice of three ways to help!

- a. "Sponsor a Basket" for a specific household;
- b. Donate items to be included in a basket;
- c. Help fill baskets and make cards on GWOH Sunday

CLICK HERE 

We hope to donate 60 baskets, one for each household! No sign-ups are required for this project and baskets are provided. For those who would like to "Sponsor a Basket," please pick up a basket at church and choose a shopping list for the specific household you would like to sponsor. For those who prefer to donate some items (instead of an entire basket), please use the General Shopping List and add items to the collection bins. To help assemble baskets in person on GWOH Sunday, come to the Youth Education wing after service. Baskets, lists and collection bins will be available in the narthex and pavilion. You can also see the General Shopping List [here](#) or email Mary Lasky at advocatemwl@gmail.com if you would like a list sent to you. To learn more about Laura's Home, visit their website: thecitymission.org

Soap S.A.C.K. Support A Community with Kindness (Joanne Burns) - Joanne will lead a small group to crochet/knit "soap sacks" to donate to those in needs. If interested in knitting/crocheting beforehand Joanne has knit/crochet patterns available in the entry area of the church.

Supplies will be provided but we ask for donations of (unopened) Bath Size Soap Bars for the bags.

LMM 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter (Bev Braun) - Bev will lead the group in packing lunches to deliver down to the 2100 Men's Shelter for those in need to "grab and go." Supplies will be provided to pack lunches and will also ask for volunteers to transport lunches down to the shelter.

Brookdale Village Hand Bell Concert (Teresa Peter) - Teresa will lead a group over to Brookdale Westlake Village to bring the gift of music through hand chimes to the residents.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Hilary Lucas) - Join Prince of Peace on Saturday, September 13th (11a-2:30p) for a hands-on community service event with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, building beds for children in need in western Cuyahoga County. This family-friendly event takes place in a Lowe's parking lot, where volunteers will sand, drill, assemble, and stain beds with a goal of completing 100+ in one day. No prior experience is needed—training and safety gear will be provided. Come be part of this impactful extension of God's Work Our Hands!

Sign Up Required:

https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/registrations/Ffw5OwLhrE/claim_spot



8th “almost” Annual National Youth Gathering Golf Outing 4-Person 9-Hole Scramble

Proceeds to benefit POP teens trip to NYG

Sunday, September 14th* 3pm

at

Bob-O-Links on Route 83 in Avon



Dinner and raffle prizes after golf. Come for dinner only at 4pm.

\$50 per person for 9 holes, cart, dinner

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace note the Youth Gathering in the memo line. Sign up your foursome at POP or contact Dave Covell to sign up.

This event is organized by the Buds & Suds Men's Group of Prince of Peace
For more info please contact Dan Fronczak at (440)221-6411 or Dave Covell (440) 567-4101

*Inclement weather - golf may be canceled, but dinner is still on starting at 5:30 pm



Upcoming Events

August - Flowered Shirt Sundays

September - 8th Annual Golf Outing scheduled for the 14th

October – Beer Brewing

December – Christmas Toast with Sisters in Spirit

You may have noticed you have not received a text from Buds and Suds in awhile. Unfortunately, the bulk texting app no longer works for us. We will be switching to a new texting service. You will get a text soon as a test. It will come from (440) 549-1548. Mark it as Buds and Suds for future reference Sorry for the inconvenience. Dave Covell

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 are wonderful examples of Prince of Peace in action; fully utilizing the power of this asset.

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 to \$150,707. 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 July 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 and Matching Challenge

Narrowing the Gap: We are thrilled to report that, thanks to an uptick in giving, significantly by some members beyond previous pledge amounts, our funding gap has narrowed considerably. **Today, we are only about \$25,000 away from our total non-pledge campaign need.** This is an extraordinary accomplishment and a clear reflection of the congregation's commitment.

Closing the Gap: The Final Push

Pledges to Collect: That said, **approximately \$72,000 in outstanding pledges remain.** 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, especially if that is prior to July 2026. The sooner these funds are collected, the more we will reduce our interest costs.

Summer Giving Highlights: Several members have gone above and beyond, exceeding their prior pledged amount in the past few months. Thank you! Four members increased their pledges by over \$27,000 in the past two months. These new gifts have been designated as a matching challenge to inspire others to fulfill outstanding pledges and/or contribute beyond fulfilled pledges prior to July 2026. **THANK YOU to the members that answered the call and met this challenge in August!**

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 August 11, 2025

Peace Pavilion Spending as of July 31, 2025			
	Total Cost	Spent to Date	Additional Spend to Complete
Peace Pavilion	\$ 532,961	\$ 532,961	\$ -
Financing	\$ 37,515	\$ 17,515	\$ 20,000
Other Items	\$ 5,808	\$ 5,808	\$ -
- Benches	\$ 14,557	\$ 14,557	\$ -
- Landscaping / Water	\$ 3,123	\$ 3,123	\$ -
- Altar / Pulpit	\$ 6,114	\$ 6,114	\$ -
- IT A/V	\$ 5,478	\$ 5,478	\$ -
- Misc.	\$ 17,968	\$ 17,968	\$ -
Architect Fees	\$ 623,524	\$ 603,524	\$ -
			\$
			20,000
		97%	3%

We have completed the Peace Pavilion and estimate that we can absorb some additional landscape costs within our budget. Our only remaining spend is expected to be interest related to our financing.

Sources of Funds (THANK YOU!)

- Giving to Date = \$480,133 *
- Future Pledges = \$71,932
- General Endowment Fund = \$20,000
- Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund = \$14,000
- Fund a Bench = \$8,800
- Altar Guild = \$3,240

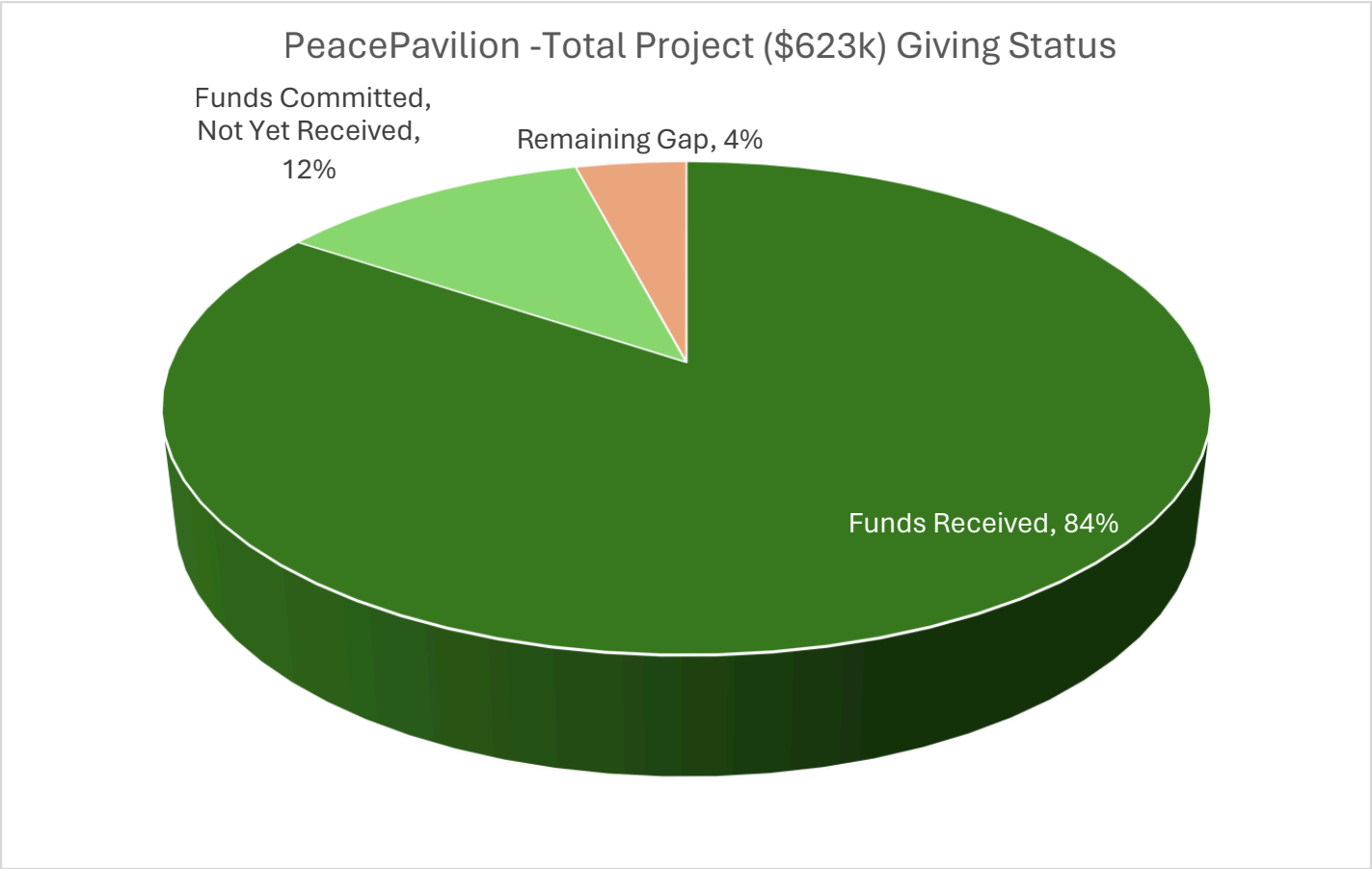
TOTAL = \$598,105

Gap = \$25,419

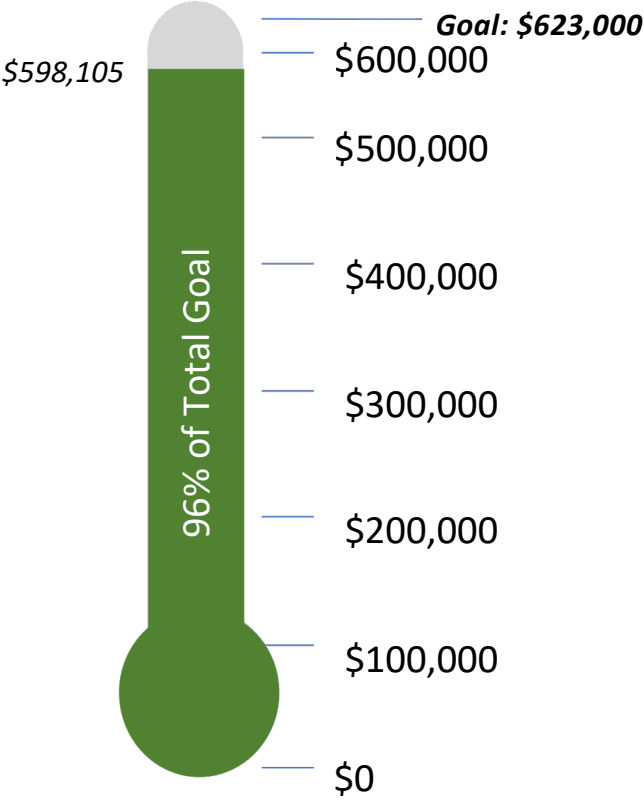
* Includes Anne Steinbrecher Memorial Fund, Mike Hosler Memorial Fund, and Direct Contributions to Finance Costs

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus

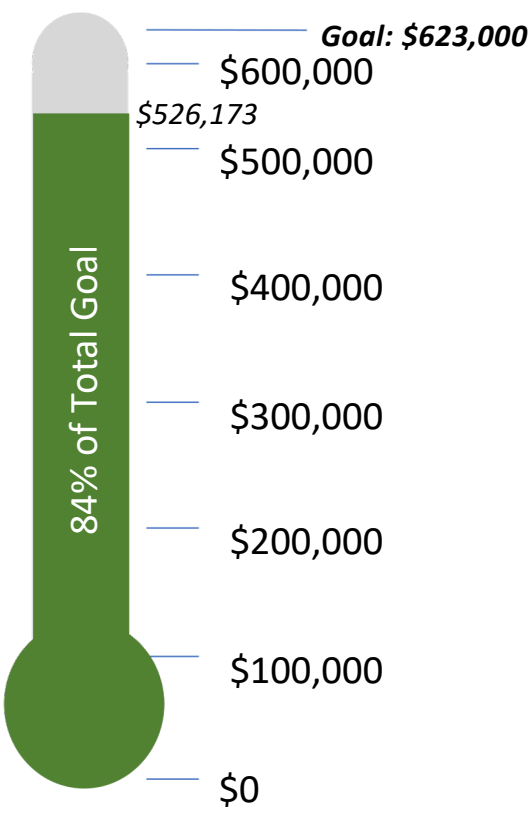
Status as of August 11, 2025



Total Commitment Status



Total Giving Status





Coffee House & Open Mic

This outreach event was started in 2013. It is conducted in the Fellowship Hall once each month except for the summer months of June thru August. As the event is scheduled to restart in September, a decision needs to be made regarding continuation! Phil & Pat Sprague have been the primary coordinators in conducting this event and Dan Pogue has handled the audio system. A number of church members have also been loyal supporters of the event, helping with food donations and labor (cleanup).



In order to continue with the event, we will need to identify individuals who are willing to provide the following tasks:

1 - Primary Coordinator(s) - _____

•Provide overall event coordination and be the primary contact for all related tasks.

2 - Setup & cleanup (equipment used by the musicians) - _____

•Seating arrangement (Locate the tables and chairs, table cloths, table decorations).

3 - Sound system - Setup, operate, and takedown the sound system. Dan Pogue will need some backup to fill in if he is away. _____

4 - Coffee & food coordination - _____

•Shop for the coffee, paper products, and some food items (cost is reimbursed).

•Brew the coffee and setup the coffee/food bar.

5 - MC (Master of Ceremonies) - Handles the event signup sheet and introduces the performers.

6 - Event Communications: Phil Sprague

•Provide event flyers (invitations) and email to musicians the week before each event.

•Provide photo documentation during the event and send to performers.

•Communicate event information/photos to office staff for use in the Peace Connections.

If you have an interest in volunteering for one or more of the tasks, please advise Phil Sprague (psprague@breezelineohio.net) by September 5th latest so a decision on continuation can be made and communicated. If the event is to continue, note that Phil and Dan would be available for training etc. going forward.

WORSHIP PLANS FOR SUMMER 2025

SUMMER	SCHEDULE	2025
Date	Inside	Outside
Sunday	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
May 25, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED
June 1, 2025	Traditional	Praise
June 8, 2025	Praise	Traditional
June 15, 2025	Traditional	Praise
June 22, 2025	Praise	Traditional
June 29, 2025	Traditional	Praise
July 6, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED
July 13, 2025	Praise	Traditional
July 20, 2025	Traditional	Praise
July 27, 2025	Praise	Traditional
August 3, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED
August 10, 2025	Traditional	Praise
August 17, 2025	Praise	Traditional
August 24, 2025	Traditional	Praise
August 31, 2025	Praise	Traditional
September 7, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 25th and continuing through September 7th, this will be our summer worship schedule.

8:30 AM - INSIDE

A short 30-minute communion service will be held each Sunday inside.

This gives people an opportunity to worship inside if it's too hot or they don't care to be outside or just want to get on with the day before it gets too late with the short worship service that will include communion every week.

Only the 8:30 am service will be broadcast online

10 AM - OUTSIDE

A 10 AM service will be held every week in the pavilion. The format will be the praise service one week and the traditional service the next week. Whoever is not responsible for the 10 AM service will be leading the 8:30 AM service music.

If the weather is too threatening, too hot or too cold, we will move inside for the 10 AM service.

Once a month, or more frequently, a potluck lunch to follow the 10 AM service.

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

We will use this format for the first month or so

This will make communion setup more feasible for outside worship

Those who are uncomfortable with that can receive bread alone, for the benefits of the sacrament can be received in bread or wine alone (according to Martin Luther).

COMBINED SERVICES –followed by a POTLUCK

MAY 25 - Memorial Day Weekend (we will NOT have a potluck this day as we have the Chardon Polka Band scheduled for the day before – May 24 from 5 pm to 7 pm)

JULY 6 – 4th of JULY Weekend – Happy Birthday USA, Happy Birthday EVERYONE!

AUGUST 3 – CHRISTMAS in SUMMER Celebration

SEPTEMBER 7 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday



Matthew 14:34-36

34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. 35 After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, 36 and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Gennesaret was a village on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. This was a trading village known for its riches and fine goods and rich soil. For the beauty and fertility of this place it was called “the Paradise of Galilee.”

This was a place known for its riches. The people here were likely the elite of the area – the well-to-do and well-off, if you will. And yet they were lacking. There were still people who needed healing. Money and riches could buy some things, but some things were beyond even their reach.

Jesus comes to shore and the crowd once again presses in, even to simply touch the fringe of Jesus’ cloak and receive healing. Wholeness. Made well.

What we see in the life and ministry of Jesus is the coming of God’s Kingdom at hand. When Jesus is present the sick are healed, the deaf hear, the blind see, the prisoner is set free, the mute talk, the lame walk, the dead are raised. Healing. Wholeness. Made well. Jesus loves the unlovable, touches the untouchable, forgives the unforgivable.

True riches can be found in Jesus Christ.

Yes, we live in a broken world, and we long for healing and wholeness.

And yes, we have the promise of healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ. For the battle Jesus waged for you and for me is that death is no longer the final word. In Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the final word is life. Healing. Wholeness. Made well.

We live in the already but not yet. Already death is defeated. Already God wins.

The “not yet” is that the fullness of this victory is still to come.

And so we long for Jesus healing touch on our broken world. In Jesus, may we find the beauty and riches of God.

Amen – come Lord Jesus.

Let us pray: We give thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, who comes to make us well. Heal us, forgive us, comfort us. Make us well. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.





Sunday, August 22nd, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Pam Rotella
Terry MacKenzie
Al Tielke
Emily Saunders
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Nancy Jackson (Mother of Sherry Visocky)
Christine Sikora (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
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)
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Patty Doran (Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving)
Tina Parfitt (Cousin of Beverly Braun)
JeanneAnn Elkin (Mother of Dana Gros)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

August 10

Linda Gareau

August 17

Lynne Knoll and family of Patrick Knoll

August 24

Patricia Pietrario

Rich Hummel's family & friends

Eunice (Matt Wenham's grandmother)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

		<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/01 Natalie Pearce	08/20 Vivian Gleespen				
08/02 Anita Briggs	08/21 Jon Peter	08/17/2025	68	144	212
08/02 Josie Wilhelm	08/22 Benjamin Creech	08/10/2015	34	154	188
08/02 Kroy Carimi	08/22 Peggy Kreueger	08/03/2025	30	168	198
08/02 Paul Winslow	08/22 Sherry Webber	07/26/2025	35	142	142
08/03 Jaime Alspach	08/23 Bennett Woodward				
08/03 Suzann Creech	08/23 Nolan Woodward				
08/05 Chip Bailey	08/24 Phillip Bruneau				
08/06 Dale Dragony	08/25 AJ Jagels				
08/09 Bill Vorobej	08/25 Bryce Bruneau				
08/11 Joey Frey	08/27 Shari Demby				
08/14 Addy Lipschutz	08/27 Tyrus Petta				
08/14 Tom Drobnak	08/28 Evan Saunders				
08/16 Christian Juntunen	08/28 Kate Weaver				
08/17 Cameron Wenhm	08/29 Ron Thorne				
	08/31 Mariah Thompson				

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Barb & Dan Fronczak 8/02
 Debbie & Bob Thomas 8/03
 Bradley & Bethany Pearce 8/04
 Charles & Lisa Woodward 8/04
 Brent & Daniea Beard 8/07
 Doug & Carol Leavens 8/10
 Michael & Patricia Pietraroia 8/10
 Christine & Al Tielke 8/13
 Mary & Joseph Olah 8/15
 Jerry & Diane Karp 8/18
 Jerry & Cindy Kreis 8/20
 Uwe & Helga Susemihl 8/20
 Mark & Karen Givens 8/21
 Ron & Becky Kear 8/23
 Mike & Abbie Gleespen 8/30
 Steve & Cindy Zinram 8/30

Second Harvest

For July through September the request donations are:
Peanut Butter & Canned Chicken/Turkey/Spam

Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of July 31st, 2025:	\$304,048	\$10,135
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	61%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$194,952	\$8,861
Total Expenses Incurred through 7/31/25:	\$300,347	\$10,012



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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.