



December 26th, 2025

## PEACE CONNECTION

Friday December 26th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 27th

Sunday December 28th  
10 am ONE Service, Christmas Lessons  
and Carols

Monday December 29th  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 30th  
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday December 31st  
New Years Eve!

Thursday January 1st  
Happy New Year!

Friday January 2nd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 3rd

Sunday January 4th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am

Monday January 5th  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 6th  
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

### Undecorating

The Christmas garlands and trees must come down and be packed away!

- Friday, January 2, 2026, 10:30 am-noon - disassemble trees and fold up tulle.
- Saturday, January 3, 2026, 10:00 am - finish disassembling trees, take down garlands and move the decorations to storage.

Please contact Dineen if you can help (text: 440-263-6759; email: [dterstage@gmail.com](mailto:dterstage@gmail.com))

### Love Inc

Please support Love Inc by signing up for a donation month! Make checks out to Prince of Peace with Love Inc on the memo line... \$125. Sign up poster is by the welcome center.

### Help Wanted: Communion Bread Baker(s)

Our long time communion bread baker, Jann Daniels, is hanging up her apron. To continue using the communion bread that the congregation has enjoyed for so many years, we need the immediate assistance of a new communion bread baker or bakers. The communion bread recipe is a flat bread of simple ingredients. No heavy kneading is required. We currently use 2 batches of round baked loaves per month. Altar Guild will reimburse for the baking supplies (with receipts). Please see or call Dineen for more details about this unique opportunity to serve at Prince of Peace (440-263-6759)

### One Service Sunday!

Friendly reminder, we will have one service this weekend! Join us for caroling at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 28th!



# Peace Pavilion Estimated Cost at Completion

## Status as of November 25, 2025

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.

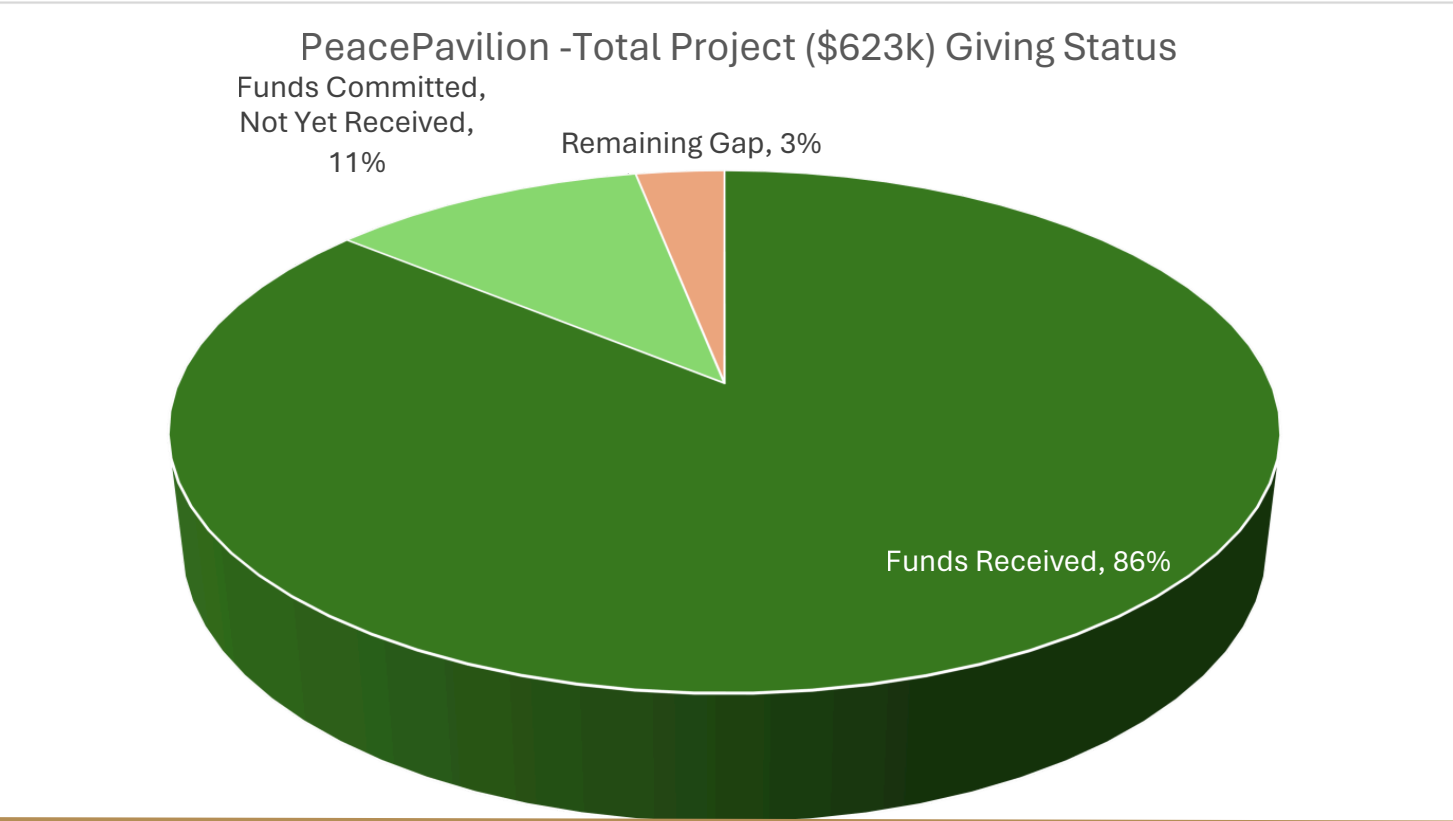
### Sources of Funds (THANK YOU!)

- Giving to Date = \$489,888 \*
- Future Pledges = \$69,434
- General Endowment Fund = \$20,000
- Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund = \$14,000
- Fund a Bench = \$8,800
- Altar Guild = \$3,240

TOTAL = \$605,362

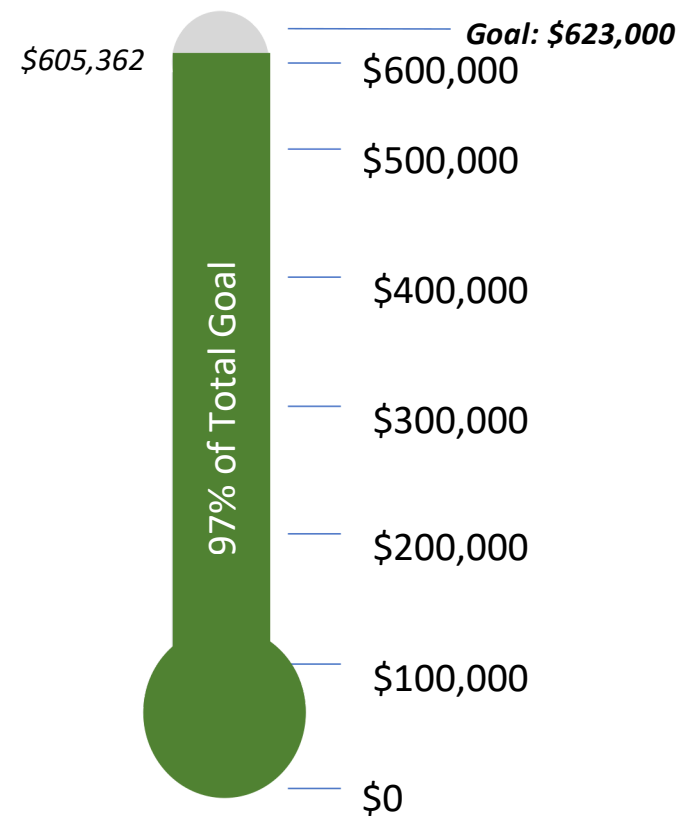
Gap = \$18,162

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

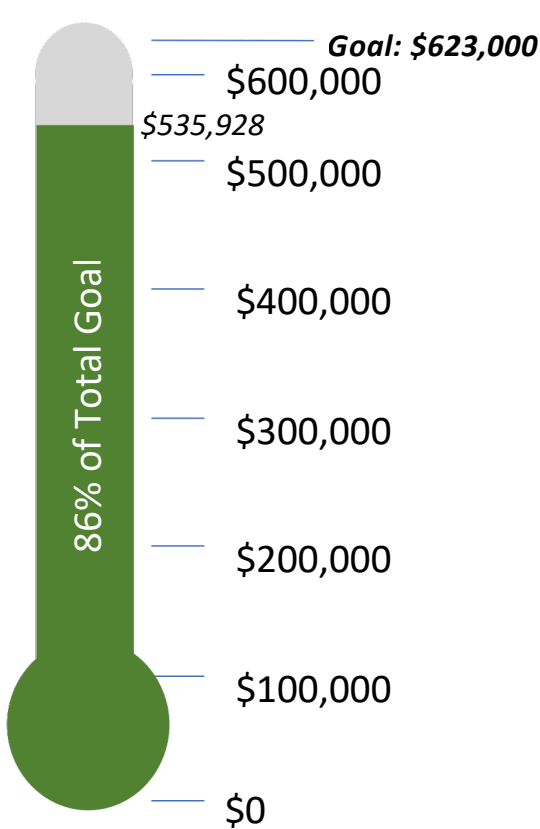


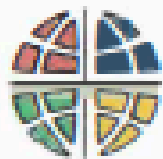
# Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus Status as of November 25, 2025

## Total Commitment Status



## Total Giving Status





## 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



# Year End Giving

Smart Ways to Give Before Year-End

As we approach the end of the calendar year, you can take advantage of several tax-smart giving options. Your support helps us provide the ministries here at Prince of Peace.

## 1. Give from Your IRA (Qualified Charitable Distribution)

If you are 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to Prince of Peace. A QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You pay no income tax on the amount transferred. You can give up to \$108,000 annually. Ask your IRA administrator to make the distribution directly to Prince of Peace and not directly to you.

## 2. Recommend a Grant from Your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

If you have a DAF through your financial institution or community foundation, you can recommend a grant to Prince of Peace. It's an easy, flexible way to support POP. You can make one-time or recurring gifts from your DAF. You may also name Prince of Peace as a beneficiary of your DAF to continue your legacy. Ask your fund advisor to direct your gift to Prince of Peace.

## 3. Gifts of Appreciated Stock

A gift of appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, can provide meaningful support for POP's mission while offering significant tax benefits. You can avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets. You can deduct the fair market value of your gift. Prince of Peace receives the full value of your contribution. To make a gift of stock or securities or if you have any questions, contact Charlie Koch, Treasurer by email [treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) or phone 440.478.9235.

Please consider making a year-end contribution today and help us to keep growing in faith, serving in love and living in peace.

-The Stewardship Committee

thanks  
for your  
support

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Luke 2:1-20

1In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

God comes this Christmas to be God with us, God with you, wherever you are. Emmanuel, God with us.

I believe there are two words we need to hear this day is not Merry Christmas, or Happy Holidays. No. The words are this – FOR YOU!

The message of the angels to the shepherds is a message for you and me. For unto YOU is born a savior, who is Christ the Lord. If you hear anything this day, I hope it is this good news. God's gift of love is FOR YOU!

This is a gift given in pure love, with no strings attached, simply because God loves us.

So no matter where you have been, what you have done, or haven't done, or had done to you. Whatever scars, pains, anxieties, uncertainties, God is here with you today.

It is not about how much we love God, or how good we are, or what we have done or left undone. It's not about whether we are the naughty or nice list. NO. What matters is that God loves you and me. We celebrate this holy night, God with us! It is God's gift FOR YOU!

Behold the gift of God. THIS is how much God loves you!

This is God's gift for you.

For you is born a Savior who says, 'Your sins are forgiven'.

For you is born a Savior who says, 'Be healed'.

For you is born a Savior who says to the storms we face, 'Be still!'

For you is born a Savior who allows his hands to be nailed to a cross to rescue us from our sin.

For you is born a Savior who conquered the great last enemy of every one of us, death itself. He gives us life – that is the greatest miracle of all.

Amen and Merry Christmas!



**Sunday, December 28th, 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:**

**December 14**

Christen (Daughter of Myrta Holden)  
Aiden Wren

**December 21**

Rich Balch

**December 28th**

Emily Saunders  
Aunt Ginny & Debbie and Rick (Aunt and cousins of Beverly Braun)  
Brenda (Cousin of Beverly Braun)  
Tina and Kenny Parfitt (Cousin of Beverly Braun)



# Happy Birthday

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

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 Kraps	12/18 Matthew Roman
12/07 Craig Juhn	12/20 Allison Peluso
12/08 Brian Gilbert	12/21 Diane Schlegel
12/08 Christie Wiedt	12/21 Matthew Wenham
12/09 Marge Jaracz	12/23 Jim Dickey IV
12/10 Laurel Covell	12/24 Uwe Susemihl
12/10 Lora Robinholt	12/26 Owen Marple
12/10 Monica Dragony	12/29 Roger Hauser
	12/31 Amy Hrouda
	12/31 Russ Bauknecht

Date	Online	In Person	Total
12/21/2025	30	169	199
12/14/2025	47	120	167
12/07/2025	21	171	192
11/30/2025	63	163	226

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/11 John & Judy Cuciak  
 12/15 Kirk & Kate Hartung  
 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 are:  
 Cereal, Applesauce & Canned Soups



## Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Nov. 30th, 2025:	\$453,798	\$9,454
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	91%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$45,202	\$11,300
<b>We need \$45,000 in December to reach budget!</b>		
<b>Please give abundantly &amp; Cheerfully!</b>		
Total Expenses Incurred through 11/30/25:	\$468,173	\$9,753



## Follow Us!

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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.