



May 3rd, 2024
**PEACE
 CONNECTION**

Friday May 3rd
 Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 4th
 Roller Derby Event
 2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 5th
 9 & 11 am in Person Worship
 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
 10:00 am Christian Education

Monday May 6th
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
 2:00 pm Organ Practice
 7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 7th
 6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday May 8th
 1:30 pm Watercolor Painting Class
 2:00 pm Book and Bible Study
 7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday May 9th
 Sexton's Day Off
 11:00 am FLO
 3:00 pm Organ Practice
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 10th
 Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 11th
 2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 12th
 9 & 11 am In Person Worship
 10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
 10:00 am Christian Education
 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday May 13th
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 2:00 pm Organ Practice
 7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 14th
 6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

New Member Classes!

Thinking about joining the church!?
 Please join us! June 2 and 9 at 10:10 am
 in the Fellowship Hall.

New members will be welcomed on
 Sunday, June 16 at the service they
 usually attend. Please contact the office
 with any questions!



Sister's in Spirit

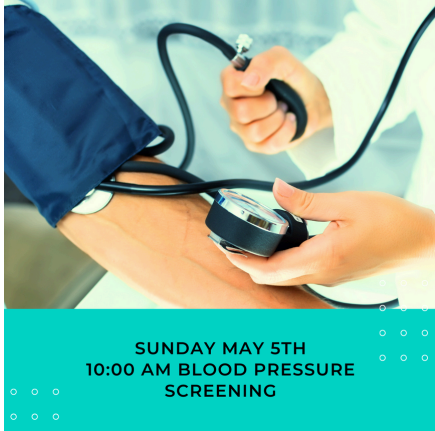
Mark your calendar for our summer SIS
 event!

Wednesday, July 10th at 6 pm, we will
 be meeting at Huntington Beach! Bring
 your dinner & beverage! In the event of
 rain, we will move to the covered
 pavilion. No RSVP is needed! If you
 have questions reach out to Laurel!



Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for our next blood pressure screening! Sunday, May 5th at 10:00 am!



Young at Heart Lunch, May

Please join us on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Das Schnitzel Haus, located at 5728 Pearl Rd. in Parma.

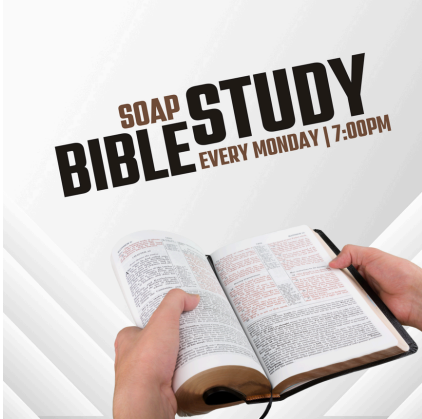
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



SOAP Bible Study

About 4 years ago we began the SOAP Bible study with the Gospel of Matthew. The SOAP process and group participation has been a blessing and faith-building process for many. It welcomes people who have never studied the Bible before. It renews and refreshes those who are more experienced in Bible study. We invite you to join us beginning Monday May 6, at 7 PM at Prince of Peace and Zoom as we began our weekly reading in the Gospel of Luke.

We are also exploring whether there may be many with this interest toward starting another group at a different time of the week who will also start with the Gospel of Luke. To express interest in joining the SOAP study process, contact Mark Givens (440-668-1395), Rich Balch, Tom Robinholt, Fran Wilhelm, Mike Weber, or Walt or Diane Diekroger.





Coffee house
& OPEN MIC NIGHT!
4.27.24

SISTERS IN SPIRIT



Saturday, May 18th at 5:30 pm– Gather in the Narthex, bring your dinner/beverage, a photo from your youth and the story behind it, and a donation for MetroHealth Foster Care Fund see full list below. No RSVP required. Contact Beth or Moinca for questions!

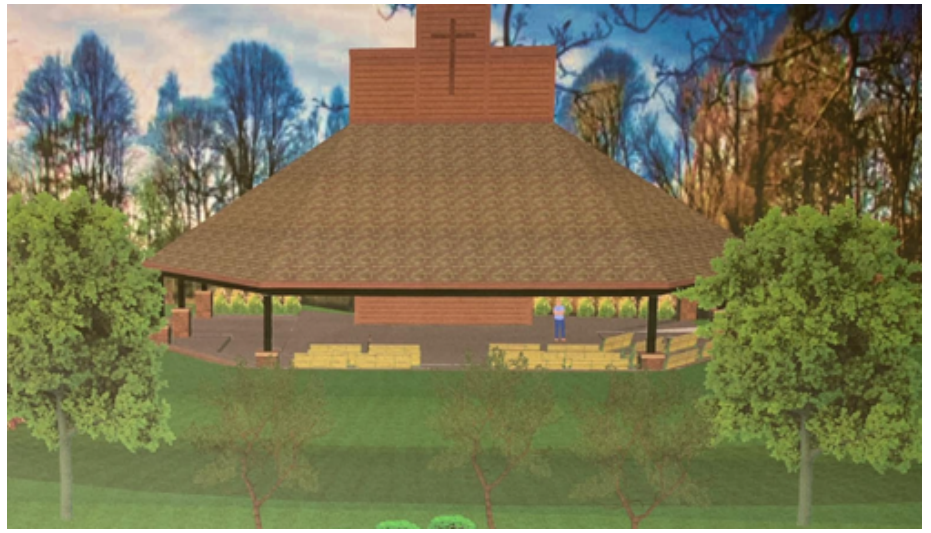
Essential Items:

- Socks, underwear, and wireless bras
- Deodorant (men & women's)
- single toothbrushes (child & adult)
- Women's body spray
- Single bars of soap
- Lotion (men's and women's)
- Single hairbrushes and combs
- Body wash and loofas
- Baby booties & socks
- Baby bottles
- Sippy cups
- Baby onesies (all sizes)
- Baby bibs, rattles, and teethers
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Book bags

Comfort Items:

- Hoodies
- T-Shirts
- Leggings
- Journals
- Water bottles
- Coloring books (for kids & teens) with Crayons
- Nail polish
- Makeup
- Lip gloss
- Lip balm
- Barbie dolls
- Toy cars
- Baby toys
- Play dough
- Books & puzzles
- Bedding, including pillowcases

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Status as of May 1, 2024



Construction Cost = \$521,793

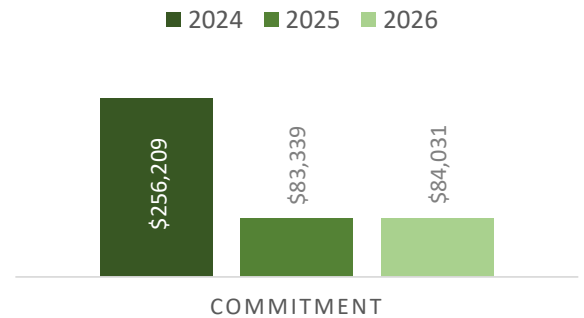
Commitment Status Received Donation Status



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	7
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	13

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



So Grateful for Your Support!

Peace Pavilion – The Time is Now

Dear Prince of Peace Members,

THANK YOU!!! We were humbled to have such a great turnout to the Special Congregational Meeting last Sunday, to have an opportunity to answer very thoughtful questions from you, and to receive the unanimous approval to proceed with the construction of the Peace Pavilion and our bridge financing plan. We now shift our attention to construction while continuing our fundraising efforts.

On construction, you should expect to see progress begin this month. We plan to prepare the site for construction with tree removal and excavation this month. In late May / early June we expect to pour concrete. By the end of June, we hope to see the structure begin to take form with masonry work underway and steel beams arriving. Our goal is to complete the core construction of the pavilion by the end of August. **Groundbreaking will take place on Sunday, May 19th at 10:15 a.m.** Details forthcoming. We are very excited to begin to see progress!

Our fundraising efforts will continue as we shared on Sunday. We have now reached 82% committed giving for the construction cost. In addition, our Worship and Music Committee has generously approved funding for outdoor audio/visual equipment thanks to the Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund. In the coming weeks, we will communicate additional contribution opportunities such as for benches.

This is an exciting time for Prince of Peace and all of us. We will continue to communicate opportunities for engagement as well as plans for programming aligned to our Mission.

In His service,

The Outdoor Worship Committee

Phil Sprague (Chair)

Jim Dickey

Mary Meadows

Evan Saunders

Dineen Terstage

Pastor Charlie Woodward

Steve Zinram



Additional Details and Links:

Please find the presentation from our Special Congregation Meeting of April 28th [Click Here](#)

Capital Campaign Commitment Card [Click Here](#)

We will be updating the Q&A document in the coming days with some of the questions from our April 28th Meeting and construction related questions.

Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, Live in Peace

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY!

Please join us for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Peace Pavilion. Sunday, May 19 at 10:15 (between services).

Bring your own shovel (KIDS TOO) and join us as we turn the dirt and celebrate the beginning of the project, asking God to bless the space and the project.

All are welcome!

Would you like to make a donation to the Peace Pavilion project? [Click here for more information:](#)



Travel Quest Presents:

All aboard the Prince of Peace Chartered bus. Even if you already have tickets, you can ride on the bus for \$15. Group rate for Pavilion & Lawn Seating.

Depart Prince of Peace Parking Lot 5:00pm Return approx.11:30pm Prince of Peace members and Guests welcome.

Checks payable to Prince of Peace, please use the memo: TQ Blossom and are due by June 2nd.
Please contact msfiddlesticks@hotmail.com to register!

★ SLAUTE TO FREEDOM ★

Concert

July 3rd, 2024

8:00 PM

BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER

1145 W STEELS CORNERS RD, CUYAHOGA FALLS,
OH 44223

FOOD

FUN

MUSIC

LAWN SEATS \$20, BUS \$15, BOXED LUNCH TBD,
PAVILION SEATING \$23-\$31

Prince of Peace

PRINCE OF PEACE

YOUTH EVENTS

BASEBALL GAME



CRUSHERS **VS** AIGLES

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH 2PM
CRUSHERS STADIUM - AUON



SIGN UP IN CHRISTIAN ED OFFICE
Or text Beverly - 216.767.3427

JOIN US FOR

NATURE DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 2ND

Come learn about composting with a special guest speaker from *Rust Belt Riders*, hang up homes for bees and bats, explore the Prince of Peace woods, and learn more about God's creation!



GUEST SPEAKER
10- 11AM
ALL ARE WELCOME



1 Peter 5:1-5

Tending the Flock of God

5 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you 2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. 3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. 5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Today's passage comes from Peter's letter to the churches scattered across the region. Here is the old disciple passing on words of knowledge that he has gained over the years, as well as encouragement to those who follow in his footsteps. Peter can offer these words because he has experience in these areas. Two lessons that I lift up today in this passage are humility and shepherding.

Peter can share a word or two about humility because he knows what it is like to be humbled! Peter could have written a book in his early years of following Jesus entitled, “Great Humility and How I Achieved It!” Peter is seen in the Gospels as the disciple who didn't know when to keep his mouth shut.

- Peter forbids Jesus from talking about the path to suffering and death on the cross, and receives a rebuke from Jesus in the harsh words, ‘Get behind me, Satan!’
- Peter offers to build three booths for Jesus, Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration, and his plan is overshadowed by a cloud and the voice of God, who tells Peter and his fellow disciples who Jesus is (“This is my Son, the Beloved”) and what they ought to do (“Listen to Him!”)
- Peter speaks brave words the night Jesus is betrayed, saying to Jesus “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” Jesus responded, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.” Jesus words foreshadow the events that play out later that night and into Good Friday.

Peter can share words of humility because he knows what it is like to be humbled. Peter knows it isn't about how great Peter is, but about how great God is!

Peter can also speak these words because he knows what it is like to be forgiven, and given another chance.

There is a beautiful story at the end of the Gospel of John (chapter 21) where Jesus feeds Peter and his fellow disciples breakfast on the seashore. Here, Jesus asks Peter three times, “Do you love me?” Three times. One for each denial?

Peter responds, “Yes Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus commands each time – feed my sheep. Feed my sheep. Tend my flock. Care for those entrusted to me. And now, Peter passes on the words to the church. That's you and me.

How many times have we needed to be knocked down off our “how great I am” pedestals?

How many times have we denied knowing Jesus?

How many times have we been welcomed back into God's loving embrace?

In response, let us love one another, feed one another, tend to the needs of each other.

In doing so, we say thank you to God.

Thank you, Peter, for letting us know that God gives us another chance today.

Christ is Risen. Risen Indeed – ALLELUIA and AMEN!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, thank you for knocking us down when we get too high on ourselves. Thank you for lifting us up when we hit the bottom. Use us as your fellow workers in your vineyard to care for all of your creation, made in Your image. We pray this in the name of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.



Hilary Lucas

THIS WEEK'S PROFILE

Hilary was born in Cleveland and grew up in Parma, Ohio. Her family included a younger sister named Taylor that lives in New York City. Their Mom lives in Parma, their father passed away in 2021. After graduating from high school, Hilary attended Ohio University (OU Oh Yeah! Go Bobcats) She majored in Creative Writing and Communications. She met her boyfriend named Kris through mutual friends. Keeping her safe at home is a cat named Bacon.

Hilary was struggling to find a professional career after college and Beverly Braun reached out and said the company she was working with needed a Case Manager. She began her professional experience with Cornucopia Inc. as a Case Manager for young adults with disabilities providing vocational and career development training. In 2015 she joined Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee services and served as a Job Developer to newly arrived refugees. Within two years Hilary was promoted to Program Manager of refugee employment services and volunteer programming. In 2021 she transitioned over to the Immigration Legal Services team and continued to work as an Intake and Referral Specialist serving refugees, immigrants and detained/undocumented populations. With a strong desire to stay busy, in 2017 she joined Prince of Peace (after persuasion from Beverly again) and continues to love serving this congregation and the youth! As a staff member, she holds the position of Youth Director and assists in Christian Education and Worship activities.

Dance is a passion Hilary has enjoyed since the age of three and will find any opportunity to dance, no matter where she is or what she is doing. Her favorite style growing up was always Ballet, but she tried a little bit of everything and was frequently in local, regional and national dance competitions. In her adult life Hilary has performed with the Cleveland Dance Project, was a part of a Bachata performance team and taught salsa lessons at Viva Dance Studio, prior to COVID. Now, she is currently taking Argentine tango lessons and Spanish language lessons. Her other interests in the area include participating in high fashion runway shows. The Madison and The Cleveland Museum of Art events included many participants with local news television programs promoting them.

Something that people may not know is that one of her clients named their baby after her! Hilary has some future plans she is looking forward to. She loves to travel and is always open to recommendations. In 2024 she plans to travel to Las Vegas, Chicago, San Diego, Los Angeles, Puerto Rico and maybe even Japan! After 9 years with Catholic Charities, she is looking forward to pivoting her professional career. Any job opportunities that people are aware of are most welcome. Her Curriculum Vitae is available to share as well.

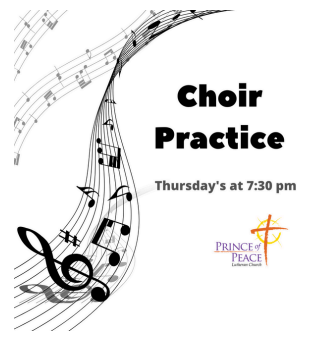
There are many highlights to offer of Hilary and her involvement at POP. Several come to mind including a Cultural Immersion experience to El Salvador, ELCA National Youth Gatherings, and other fundraisers for youth focused missions. ELCA youth grades 9-12 and Christian Education K-8 are focuses she has been involved in with Bev Braun. As we see Sunday service attendance rising with many new families, we can be thankful for Hilary's efforts!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Choir

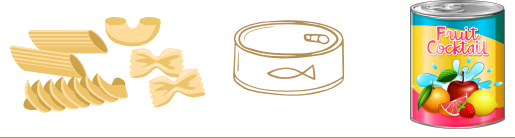
Interested in joining the choir?
Please join us for practices on Thursday's at 7:30 pm!

Questions? Contact Ian Faleer, Contemporary Music Director & Chancel Choir Director
ifaleer@gmail.com



Second Harvest

For April through June the requested items are pasta, canned fish & packaged fruits



Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31st, 2024:	\$130,212	\$10,016
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	27%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$355,788	\$9,123
Total Expenses incurred through 2/29/24	\$123,329	\$9,480



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!



Comfort Quilters

Comfort quilters meet on the first and third Monday's of the month at 1:00 pm! No experience necessary!

Please consider joining us!



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, May 5, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
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
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Mike Hosler	
Ron Filkill	
Chris Sikora	
Claudette Plavan	
Hilary Mason	
Kathy and Tim Needham	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

April 21	Joanne Burns Shawn Merhaut and his cousin Jessica Jon Steinbrecher and his family
April 28	Lois Smilor
May 5	Marian Koch (Charlie Koch's sister)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
04/28/2024	15	161	176
04/21/2024	23	143	166
04/14/2024	31	156	187
04/07/2024	55	155	210

05/01 Dineen Terstage
 05/01 Jim Lappin
 05/02 Abbie Gleespen
 05/02 Lillian Franz
 05/03 Brian Drobnak
 05/03 Grant Commnick
 05/05 Ellen Oster
 05/06 Lois Smilor
 05/07 Ben Blakeslee
 05/07 Lillian Fortuna
 05/08 Dave Saunders
 05/09 Josh Dragony
 05/12 Diane Karp
 05/12 Joyce Wood
 05/12 Margaret Bailey
 05/14 Cassandra Frey

05/14 Jason Franz
 05/15 Brianna Lehman
 05/16 Hailey Vitko
 05/17 Ian Kelly
 05/18 Stephanie Pogachar
 05/19 Blake Beard
 05/22 Ron Filkill
 05/24 Addison Kovach
 05/27 Robert Mayer
 05/28 Craig Jagels
 05/29 Jerry Karp
 05/31 Jeff Babinski
 05/31 Logan Vitko

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/01 Alden & Connie McGee
 05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie
 05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
 05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
 05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna
 05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
 05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
 05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
 05/29 Tracy & Tom Biller

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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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