



January 30th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday January 30th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 31st

Sunday February 1st
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am

Monday February 2nd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
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

Wednesday February 4th

Thursday February 5th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW

Friday February 6th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 7th

Sunday February 8th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Congregational Meeting
10:00 am Souper Bowl
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday February 9th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 10th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

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.



January 27, 2026

Dear Members of Prince of Peace, You are invited to our annual

congregational meeting scheduled for

Sunday, February 8th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall.

SOUPER BOWL: Soup & Sandwich served by Youth

During the meeting, we will

Review 2025.

Preview 2026 and Call Process.

Elect council and endowment committee members.

Address selection of Call Committee and Synod Assembly Delegates

Have an open discussion.

The 2025 annual report will be available for review on our website (www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) prior to the meeting. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We are in a good financial position and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and serve within God's Grace. We look forward to 2026 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

In Faithful Fellowship, Mark

Givens

Council President

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Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Live in Peace

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.



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.

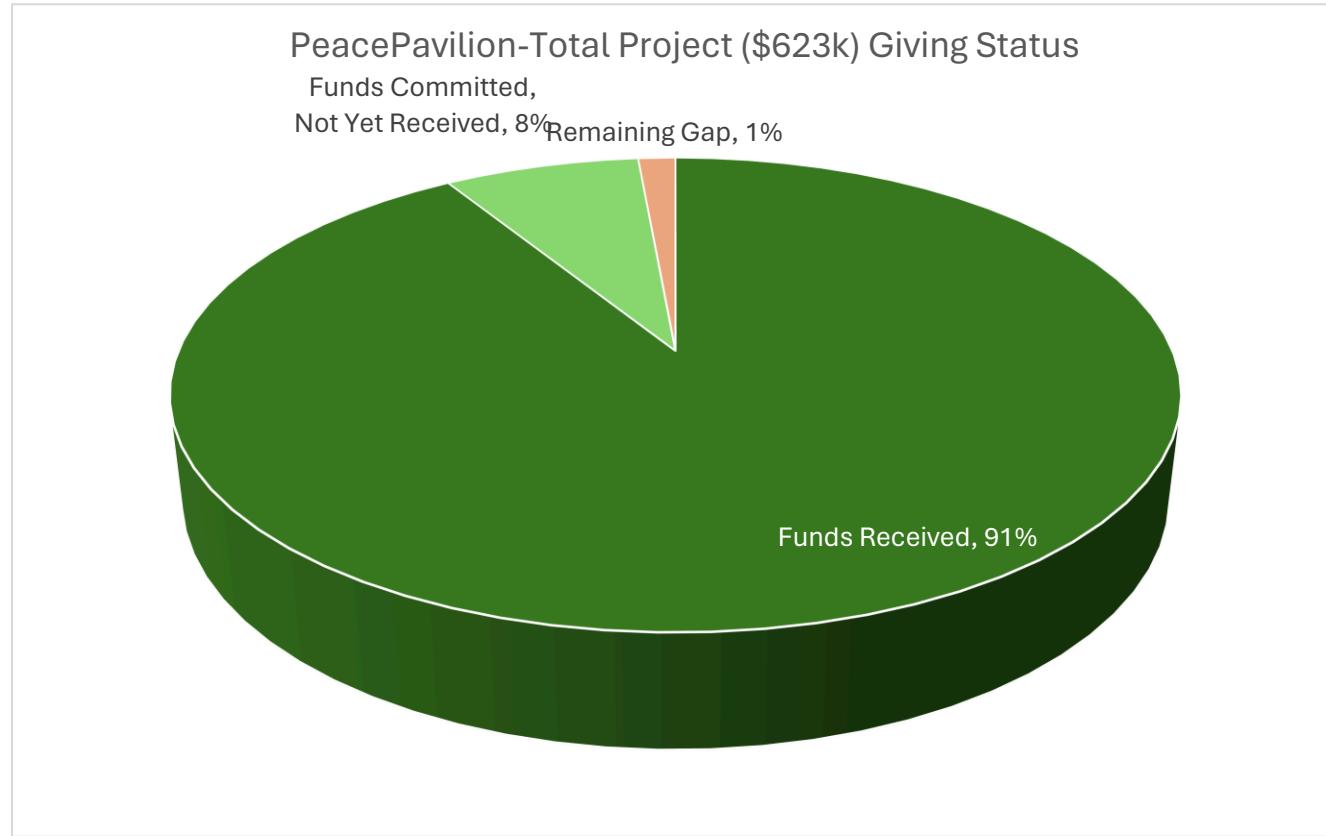
Sources of Funds (THANK YOU!)

- 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

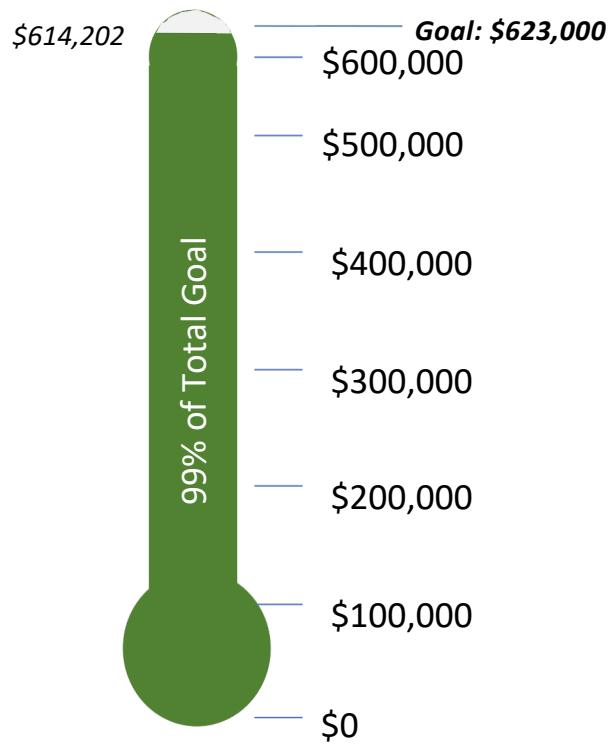
Gap = \$8,864

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

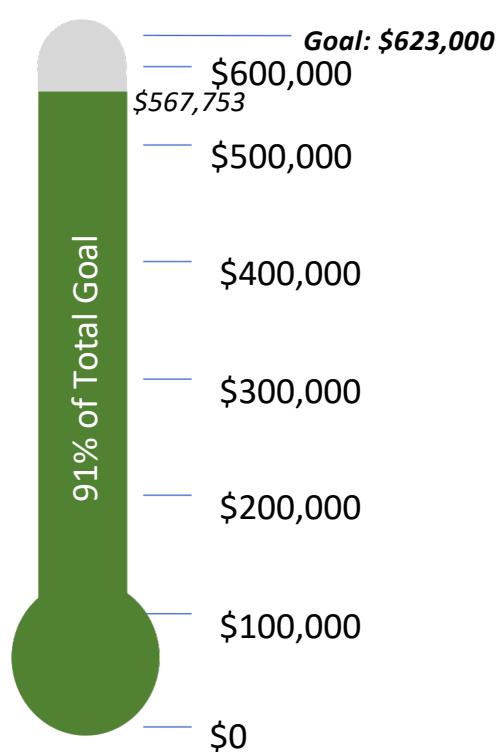


Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus Status as of January 20, 2026

Total Commitment Status



Total Giving Status

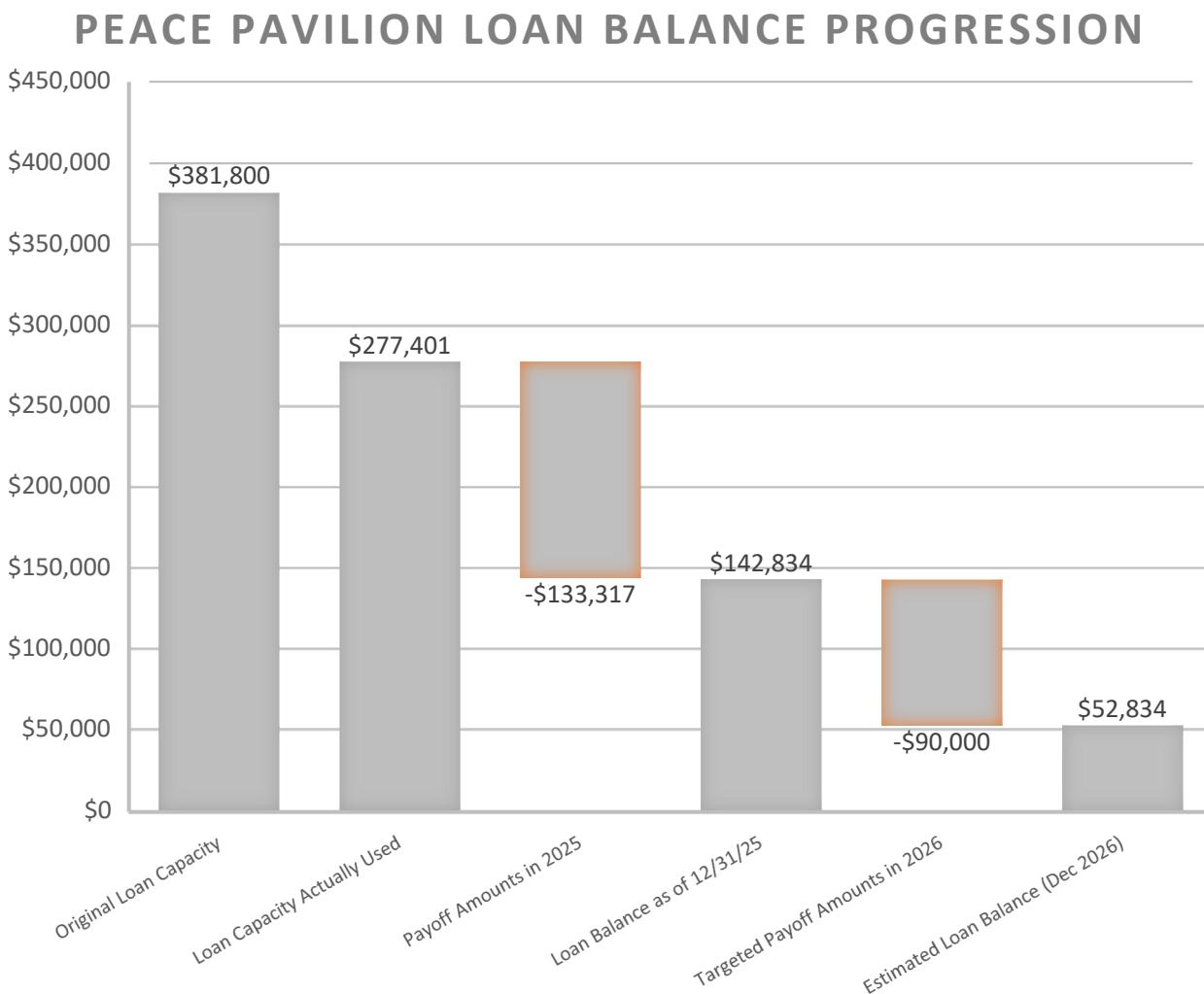


Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	3
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	11
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	9
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	27
		62



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.

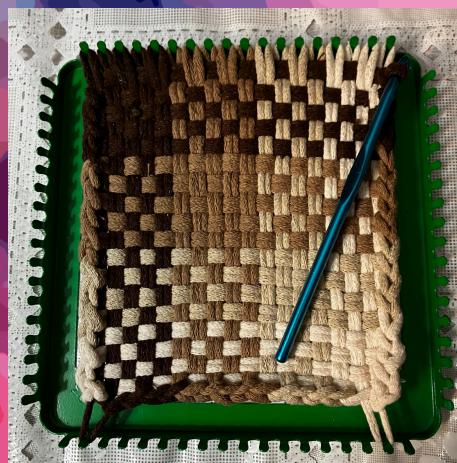


ART CLASS

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!



HELP US STOCK THE PANTRY

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS FED AND WARM

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Ensure/Boost Nutritional Drinks
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Tuna & Chicken Pouches
- Hot Coco Packets
- Instant Coffee Packets
- Jerky
- Dried Fruit



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Your donations will be stocked in the outdoor pantry at Prince of Peace and winter items will be personally delivered by POP Youth to unhoused encampments in Cleveland

MOST NEEDED WINTER ITEMS

- Adult Weatherproof Gloves
- Adult Ski Hats
- Adult Scarves
- Adult Socks
- Hand Warmers
- Boot Warmers



DROP OFF LOCATION:

Prince of Peace Narthex in the labeled bin



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, February 1st, 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 18th

Emily Saunders

Michelle Christian

January 25th

February 1st

Laurie and Bill Vorobej, Julia Vorobej, Jack

Emily Saunders

Paula and Bill Collister (sister-in-law and brother of Liz Grider)

Aunt Ginny and Debbie (aunt and cousin of Beverly Braun)



Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

		Date	Online	In Person	Total
02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/13 Erin Bruneau	01/25/2026	443	-	443
02/02 Emma Perry	02/13 Kathy McCollum	01/18/2026	179	140	319
02/02 Rachel Drobak	02/13 Jane Carlson	01/11/2026	149	191	340
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/13 Jonathan Covell	01/04/2026	40	137	177
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 Rehark	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				



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

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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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.