

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday April 11th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday April 12th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday April 13th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday April 14th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 15th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday April 16th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm Trinity Cathedral Concert

Thursday April 17th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO Break
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday April 18th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday April 19th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday April 20th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday April 21st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday April 22nd
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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



Flowering the Cross

Members and guests are invited to bring a bloom or a small bouquet of flowers to add to the cross that we will decorate together in the narthex outside the sanctuary before Easter Sunday services on April 20. Pick some flowers from your garden or the store!!



Outdoor Worship Service Assistance

We're looking for a few people to help with outdoor worship set up and tear down each week. Please fill in the sign up sheet at the Welcome Station in the lower narthex for the areas you can help.

Stations of the Cross

Self-Guided Prayer Stations of the Cross - 2025

A 40-minute program including artwork, Bible readings and prayers will be presented in the sanctuary at the times listed below. This is a time of silent prayer and reflection for you in your faith journey. The artwork will be displayed on the screens in the sanctuary. A brochure including a Bible reading and prayer for each of the 14 stations will be at the door for you as you enter.

Dates:

Wednesday, April 16

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Good Friday April 18

Times for the Program:

11:00 am

11:40 am

12:20 pm

1 pm

1:40 pm

2:20 pm.



Lent 2025

Wednesday Mid-Day Soup and Study – Fellowship Hall (11:45 am to 1 pm)
March 12 to April 9, we will gather for a Soup Lunch and Study. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am, followed by a time of study using the video and book by Adam Hamilton entitled “The Message of Jesus.” We will take turns making soup for the group, and all participants are invited to bring a salad or side dish or bread to share. For more information contact Pastor Charlie.

Prayer Wall

During the season of Lent, a prayer wall will be on a table once again in the narthex, at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace Update

We are almost there! Donations (both monetary and in-kind) continue to come in supporting our Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) ministry! We are getting closer to our minimum Full Build Goal (20 beds, \$250 per bed, \$5000 total). Any donations above our goal will be used towards additional bed builds on our build day.

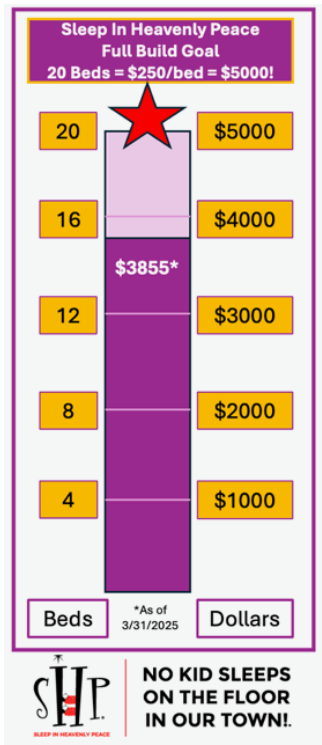
Thank you also for the in-kind donations! The flyer is a reminder of what is needed but we were recently told there is a specific need for mattress protectors at this time if that is something you wish to donate.

If you missed Kathleen and David Johnston sharing their moving experiences with this ministry please watch the beginning of either the 9a or 11a services on YouTube from March 23rd.

-SAVE THE DATE! Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Date is Saturday, June 7th. We will need up to 50 volunteers for the build day.

SAVE THE DATE! Sleep In Heavenly Peace Delivery Date is Saturday, June 21st. Will need 16 adult or high school age volunteers for the delivery.

Sign-up sheets coming soon!
Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut
teachmeabc123@aol.com



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE
BEDDING DRIVE

To Benefit Kids in Western Cuyahoga County

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS OF NEW TWIN SIZE

MATTRESS PROTECTORS
PILLOWS
COMFORTERS
BED IN A BAG SETS
SHEET SETS
QUILTS
BLANKETS
THROWS

SHP

SHP is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that works with community volunteers to build and deliver beds to kids who don't have them.

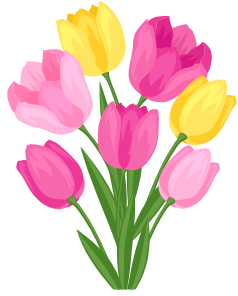
Food Bank Help Day

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy. We are looking for up to 15 people to help out that evening. Please contact Charlie Koch at cakoch13@aol.com to let him know you are planning to attend or use the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. A link to sign up as a volunteer on the Second Harvest web site for this repack day at secondharvestfoodbank.org will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is planning our traditional spring garden for Easter. We are asking for your assistance by providing the plants! Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths and hydrangea plants will be ordered through Dean's Greenhouse. Take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service. Place your completed order form and check/cash for flowers for our Easter Sunday Garden in the basket at the small table in the narthex. Order forms are available at the order table.



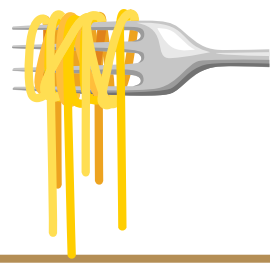
T-48 Re-Shuffle

Tables for Eight (T48) was created to help build our church community one relationship at a time. Three times per year, we form groups of eight, keeping couples together (if they want). We encourage the groups to get together once a month so that everyone has an opportunity to host their group. Hosting could be a gathering at their house with everyone contributing something to the event. It could also be to do a group outing to plays or musicals, playing putt putt or shuffle board, going out to eat, or attending Open Mic night. We want everyone to have an opportunity to get to know each other without placing much burden on any one person or couple. If you have any questions, please ask Jan (jan.saunders.art@gmail.com) or Dave Saunders (david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com).

The next re-shuffle will occur at the beginning of May. Any individuals already participating and continuing next session don't need to do anything. If they are participating now and unable to continue or if they want to join in the fun please contact Jan or I.

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, April 25 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Carrabba's Italian Grill, located at 25054 Sperry Dr. in Westlake. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.



Women In Transition

We are accepting donations for women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great! We have been asked to refrain from collecting women's clothing for them at this time. Please drop off your donations at the Donation Station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill



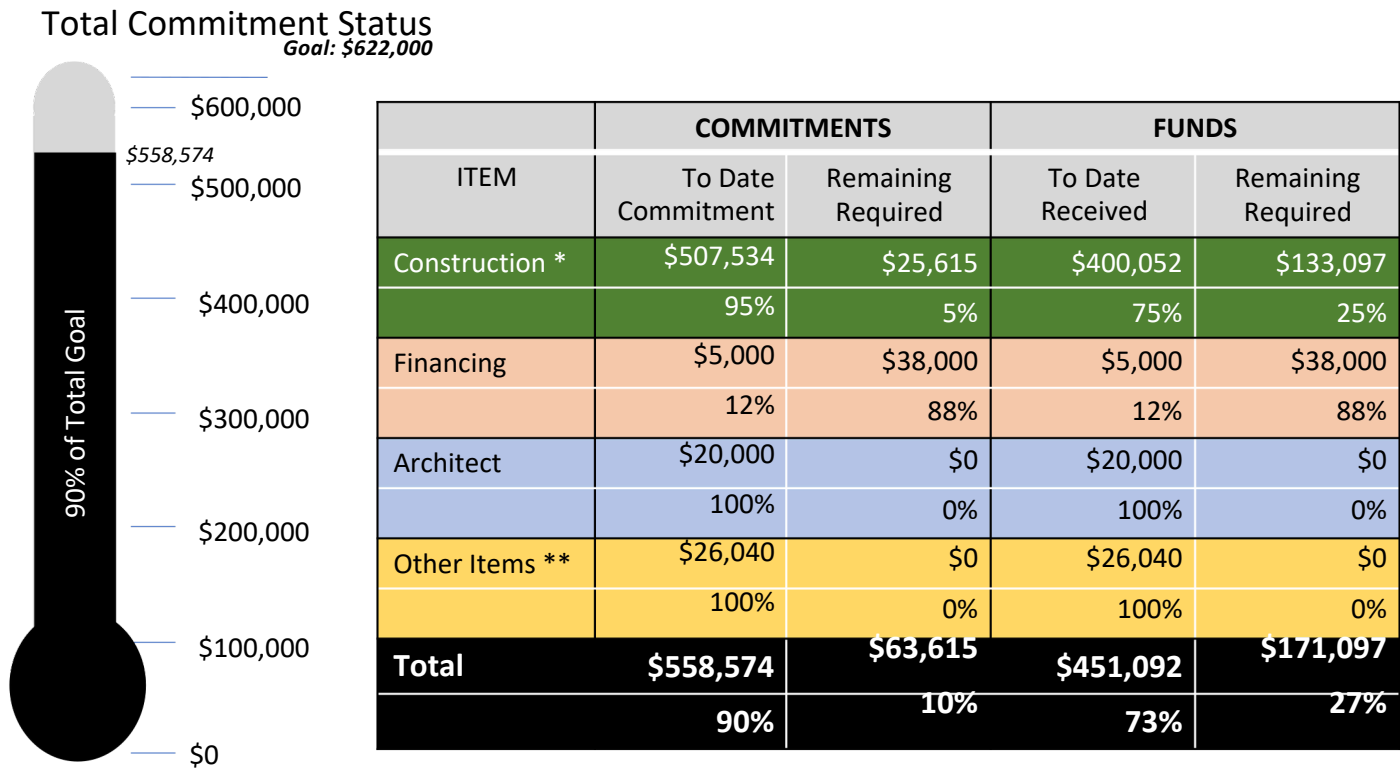
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of March 25, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

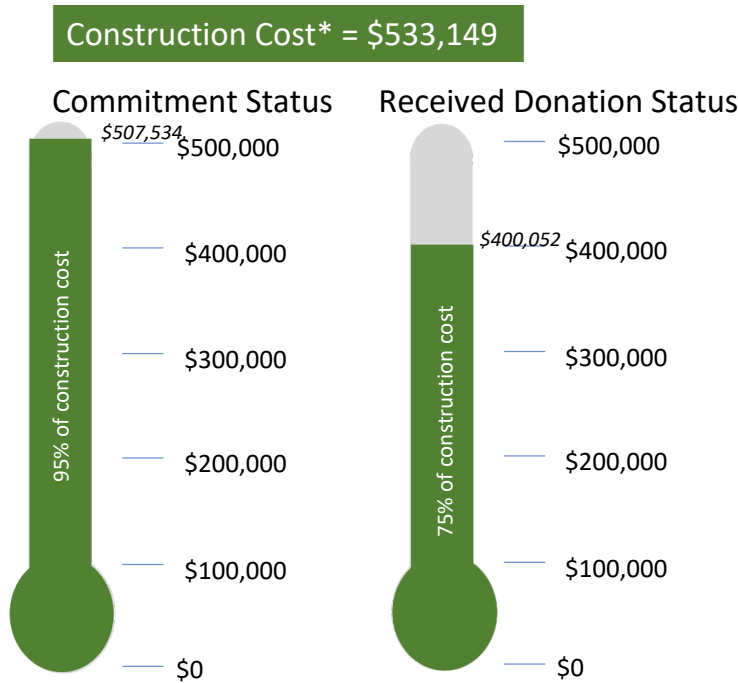
Other Items * = \$26,040



Note: Commitment Status includes “silent” commitments

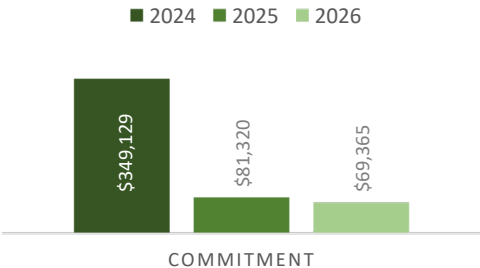
* Includes change orders.
** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches (“fund a bench”), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping not included.

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only
Status as of March 25, 2025



Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	3
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	11
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	26

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Note: Commitment Status includes “silent” commitments

* Includes change orders.

KIDS BOOK BANK

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD
1-3PM
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

Volunteer to sort books that will be distributed to schools and communities to promote literacy. Welcoming donations of early readers, children's, and teen books, especially books featuring diverse populations and characters of color



PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Grace, peace and mercy be multiplied to you from God our Father, and the Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The full story can be found in John 11:1-45.

Martha's brother Lazarus has been dead for four days. As Jesus approaches their home, Martha comes out to meet Jesus on the way. I sense her words are bitter, mixed with sorrow and grief. The words Martha speaks are echoed by her sister in the verses that follow. "...if you would have been here..." Jesus words are words of more than just comfort. They are words of hope and life. Words that we share when we gather to hear God's Word and share in the Sacraments.

In baptism, we remember what Paul shares with church in Rome

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

We are raised up to new life! Yet even after we have been given new life by God, we still want to keep ourselves wrapped up and bound in our grave clothes -- signs of the old life. We can keep ourselves bound up by holding onto those sins from which Jesus has freed us and has forgiven us.

During a children's sermon a few years ago, I received some answers I did not expect... surprise, surprise! I asked the children, first of all, what they wanted to be when they grow up. One answer was a zebra. She will have to talk to her parents about that. Another wants to be a paleontologist. There were other answers as well.

My next question was what requirements are needed for various jobs. What skills do you need to get the job you want?

I then asked, "So what do you need to do to get to heaven?" My hope was that I would receive a good Lutheran answer -- that it is not our own doing, but by God's doing that we are saved. We are saved by grace!

That is not the answer I got.

Instead, a little hand went up, and the child spoke - YOU HAVE TO DIE!

He is right, you know. You have to die. The good news is you have already died. In the waters of baptism, your sinful self was put to death, and you were raised up to new life. Just like Lazarus, you have been freed from the bindings of sin and are given new life.

Remember that! Every day, wake up in the newness of your baptism, dead to sin, and alive to new life, washed clean, free from sorrow, free from sin.

Jesus IS the way, the truth and life. Today! Remember you are baptized! Remember you belong to God. Today.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we give thanks for the new life you give us in baptism. Sustain with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understand, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen



Profile Story BRAD GENDRIES



Brad has been a guest guitarist with the Praise Band here at Prince of Peace. Initially he had performed when Chip DiFiore was the leader. He continues to be available to share his musical talents with our congregation.

Brad was born in Lorain, Ohio and grew up in Vermilion with two brothers, Scott and Chris. He attended Vermilion schools through his high school years. Then he attended Bowling Green State University and studied music. This is where he met his wife Jennifer through a mutual friend.

His commitment to music led him to teach guitar at Ron Zehel Guitar Center for the past 31 years and Brad has owned the business for 25 years. Locations in Avon Lake and Amherst keep him busy. My family experienced dedicated teachers at his business. Lora took drum lessons while my daughter Cheryl and myself learned guitar. Brad plays in several local bands: a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band "Mister Breeze" and a country band "Kentucky Thunder".

Brad and Jennifer have raised a family of five children. Emily-27 is a 2nd grade teacher in Avon, Hanna-25 is a RT at the Cleveland Clinic, Olivia-23 is a vet tech at the Avon Lake Animal Clinic, Cameron-20 is a 2nd year student at Ohio Northern University, Christian-19 is a professional musician playing with Mr. Breeze (guitar), Kentucky Thunder (drums), Terry Lee Goffee Tribute Band to Johnny Cash (drums).

After his business duties are over, Brad enjoys spending time with his family, and playing baseball in a summer league in Cleveland. Please offer Brad a sincere welcome when he is here contributing to our service. Our worship is always strengthened with his talent!

By: Tom Robinholt / Profile Reporter

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Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org!

Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen
d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net 440-734-6312

Meals and side dishes will be catered by local Honeybaked Ham and Ruby Tuesday Restaurants. Registration is \$100 per couple. Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations – don't miss out!



Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization Cleveland
West Cluster

Spring Rally

Saturday, May 3, 2025



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Registration, Breakfast, and Fellowship 8:30 a.m.

Meeting & Program 9:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Presentation from Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County

Registration: \$5.00– Includes breakfast & box lunch. Choose: Club, Grilled Chicken Caesar, Turkey Bacon, Southwest Chicken, or Veggie wrap. Includes chips, pickle & cookie. R.S.V.P. deadline April 28 : Sherryweber@verizon.net or phone 914-924-4451. Contact Sherry Weber with your reservation and wrap choice for lunch. Checks payable: Prince of Peace.

Offerings:	50% for NEOSWO (Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Org.) 50% to Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County
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Bring: New twin size comforters, quilts, or blankets
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In Kind Gifts: Stuffed Animals, standard size pillows, twin sheet sets
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (*Handicap Accessible*)

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Pastor Charlie Woodward

Save the
Date!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June
16-20



Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD

AN ECUMENICAL VBS FOR CHILDREN K-GRADE 5

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

28455 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

[Register Here!](#)



Sunday, April 13th, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	Jan Filkill's daughter
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon
Laura K.	Deb Gibbons' friend
Paula Collister	Sister in law of Liz Grider
Daniel Reisner	Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

March 30th	Karen Kaufman
	Sally (Friend of John and Judy Cuciak)
	Terry MacKenzie
	Lenny Taylor (Cousin of Barb Fronczak)
	Monica Doptis (grandchild of Fronczaks)
April 4 th	David Wade (brother of Ruth Williams)
	Jerry Karp
	Carol Novotny
April 13th	Sharon Reidinger
	George-Ryan Grimes
	Margie & Chuck Speerbrecher
	Paulson Family
	Schaaf family
	Shirley
	Mark Blakeslee
	Samuelson family and their new addition, Abigail Diane Samuelson!

Happy Birthday

04/03 Benjamin Beard	04/18 Benjamin Fortuna
04/03 Luke Ventimiglia	04/18 Francine Molnar
04/03 Tracy Biller	04/19 Mackenzie Juntunen
04/04 Anita Bauknecht	04/19 Susan Stevens
04/04 Samuel Dickey	04/20 Mark Oster
04/05 Becky Rowe	04/20 Matthew Olah
04/05 Cindy Zinram	04/20 Norm Rehark
04/05 Diane Diekroger	04/21 Amy Babinski
04/05 Steve Zinram	04/23 Abbey Smylie
04/07 Haley Hackett	04/23 Carley Frey
04/07 Sarah Bruening	04/24 Laurie Vorobej
04/07 Mason Reisner	04/26 Aili MacKenzie
04/08 Charles Schmidt	04/26 Ellen Babinski
04/10 Jacob Arthur	04/27 Avianna Carimi
04/13 Eli Hallowell	04/28 Becky Kear
04/13 Mark Givens	04/28 Helga Susemihl
04/14 Tim Gibbons	
04/16 Mason Rowe	
04/17 Mark Wiedt	
04/17 Thomas Morton	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

04/07 Grant & Beth Cornick
 04/11 Dave & Laurel Covell
 04/26 Susan & Paul Franz
 04/28 Susan & T.J. Worsencroft

Second Harvest

The requested items for April
 Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Feb. 28th, 2025:	\$130,383	\$16,298
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	27%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$368,617	\$8,378
Total Expenses Incurred through 2/28/25:	\$84,499	\$10,562



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Date	Online	In Person	Total
04/06/2025	37	171	208
03/30/2025	32	156	188
03/23/2025	33	157	190
03/16/2025	31	144	175

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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.