



May 2nd, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday May 2nd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 3rd
NEOSW/ELCA Women's Event
1:00 pm Kids Book Bank Event
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 4th
9:00 am Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
10:00 am Peace Pavilion Dedication!

Monday May 5th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 6th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday May 7th
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study with
Pastor Charlie

Thursday May 8th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO Family Day
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 9th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 10th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

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

Monday May 12th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 13th
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*

Peace Garden Planting Party

We're having a planting party on Saturday, May 17 (weather permitting) or in case of rain, on Saturday, May 24 from 10 to 12 am. And you're invited!

Bring a plant from your own garden (from listed varieties below only, please) to plant, or donate \$15 per plant, and we'll provide and plant it for you in the Peace Garden (the areas around the Peace Pavilion, including the 2 curved beds, garage perimeter, west side of Pavilion, and woodland area behind the Pavilion).

We're looking for the following perennials to enhance our beds: Black/brown eyed-Susan, White and mixed color coneflower, Shasta daisy, liatris (blazing star), cardinal flower, creeping phlox, astilbe, spiderwort, fern, trillium, Jack in the Pulpit, and Solomon seal. These lovely native plants offer different bloom times, benefit and support wildlife (except deer!) and require little maintenance.

Sign up sheets for flower donations and/or planting are on the table in the Upper Narthex. Picture boards prepared by our own Master Gardener, Debra Stewart, show the plants that we're planting, and can be found in the Charter Room. Any questions? Contact Mary Meadows at m.meadows@live.com or 440-552-2514.

Thank you!

Peace Garden Team:

Anita Bauknecht

Brian Gilbert

David Johnston

Jan Saunders

Debra Stewart

Gerry Wilhelm



ONE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY!

Peace Pavilion Dedication



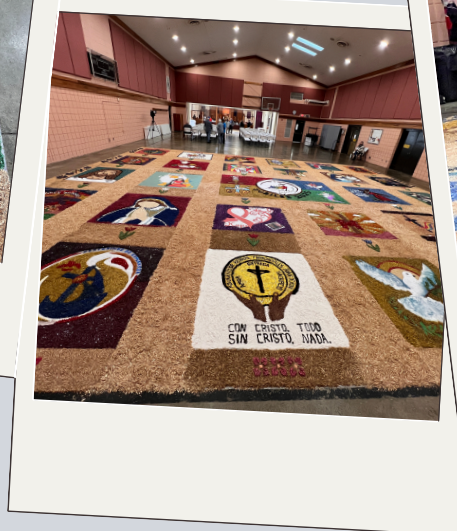
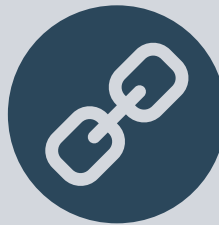
Join us for our first outdoor worship at
the Peace Pavilion!

SUNDAY | MAY 4th | 10 AM

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship starts at
9 am, service at 10, Cake and Coffee
reception to follow.

ALFOMBRA EVENT 2025

Thank you to the Lehman Family and the Castro-Wu family for helping us make beautiful art in collaboration with Sagrada Familia Parish for Holy Week. If you would like to support this community event for next year, please consider donating to help purchase supplies. For donations, contact Hilary Lucas. You can also see a recap of the event on WKYC and Channel 8 News, by clicking on the



Sleep In Heavenly Peace Update

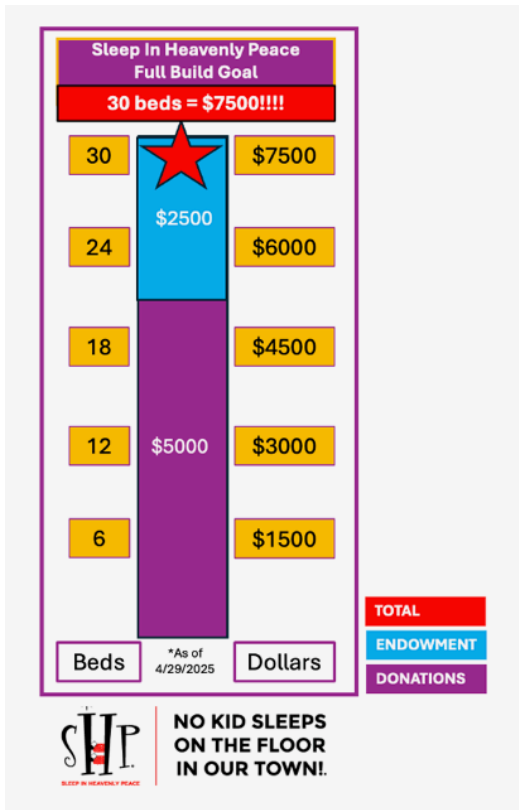
THANK YOU!!! With donations received during our final week of fundraising, we have far exceeded our original goal with \$7500 donated including \$5000 in direct donations and \$2500 matching from the Endowment Committee! This means we will be able to build 30 beds for children in need on June 7th followed by delivery on June 21st.

While this concludes our fundraising efforts for this ministry, we will continue to collect in-kind donations up until the time of the build (see flyer). Remember too, there is a key need for mattress protectors should you wish to donate!

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 for both dates will be available in the lower lobby starting Sunday, May 3rd. Note, please read the instructions as we will need you to sign up on the sheet AND sign up through the respective QR codes due to Sleep in Heavenly Peace requirements. If you have any questions, please see Diane or Shawn for help. Thank you!



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



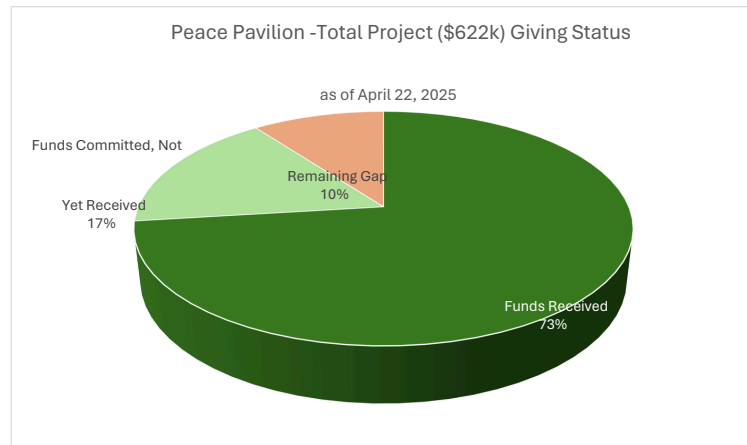
SHP is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that works with community volunteers to build and deliver beds to kids who don't have them.

Women In Transition

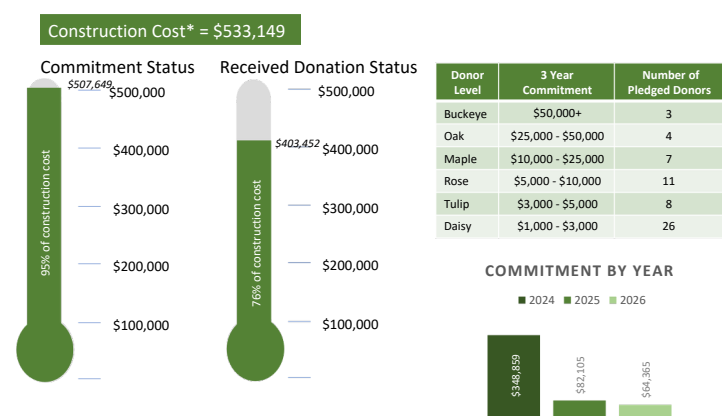
We are accepting donations for women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great! We have been asked to refrain from collecting women's clothing for them at this time. Please drop off your donations at the Donation Station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill



Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of April 22, 2025



Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only
Status as of April 22, 2025



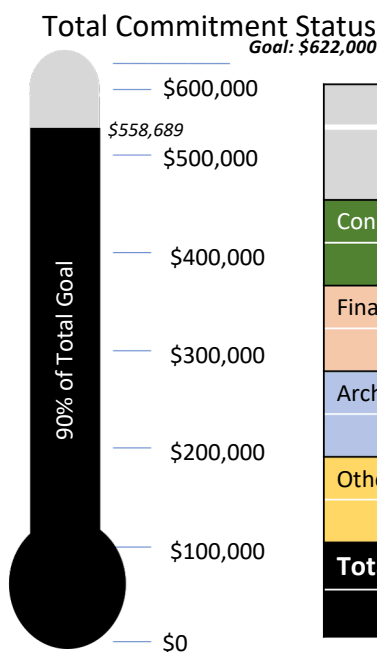
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of April 22, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items * = \$26,040



| ITEM | COMMITMENTS | | FUNDS | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | To Date Commitment | Remaining Required | To Date Received | Remaining Required |
| Construction * | \$507,649 | \$25,500 | \$403,452 | \$129,697 |
| | 95% | 5% | 76% | 24% |
| Financing | \$5,000 | \$38,000 | \$5,000 | \$38,000 |
| | 12% | 88% | 12% | 88% |
| Architect | \$20,000 | \$0 | \$20,000 | \$0 |
| | 100% | 0% | 100% | 0% |
| Other Items ** | \$26,040 | \$0 | \$26,040 | \$0 |
| | 100% | 0% | 100% | 0% |
| Total | \$558,689 | \$63,500 | \$454,492 | \$167,697 |
| | 90% | 10% | 73% | 27% |

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.

THANK YOU! We are pleased to report that the Peace Pavilion total giving has reached the 90% commitment level and 73% of the required funds received. We are grateful and humbled by the generosity of Prince of Peace members and friends.

While we have made outstanding progress, it is worth highlighting two key points for us to deliver this capital campaign successfully:

1. We still have about \$64,000 of pledges needed. If you have an interest in pledging (or increasing a pledge), please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the team members.
2. We can reduce our total cost by reducing our financing costs. The sooner we obtain funds, the sooner we can pay down our debt to the Mission Investment Fund and reduce the total project cost.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the Dedication Service on May 4th. See you there!

Sincerely,

The Outdoor Worship Committee
Phil Sprague (Chair)
Jim Dickey
Mary Meadows
Dineen Terstage
Pastor Charlie Woodward
Steve Zinram



1 Peter 2:9-12

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

To start a reading with the word "but" implies there is something before this.
The verses that come before (of which I encourage you to read) speak of those who do not believe and who disobey God's word.

Let me begin by reminding you that the ability to believe comes from God. It is in hearing God's Word and coming to know the good news of God given to us that Jesus Christ IS Lord, and that God knows us and loves us, and God will never abandon us, and the promised Holy Spirit given to us that we come to believe.

These words in 1 Peter 2 remind us of God's promises.
This is who you are. God's chosen. God's beloved.

The word, "but" is a wonderful word for the Easter season. The Gospel of Luke's Easter story contains one word SIX times in the 24th chapter — Hear it again - "But on the first day of the week...they found the stone rolled away from the tomb...but when they went in, they did not find the body...The women were terrified ...but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. (Luke 24:1-5)

Easter can be summed up in that one word. A short word, only three letters long, and a powerful word — that word is BUT! I am sure there is a good joke in there, but I am not going to go there!

- Jesus is dead, BUT death is not the final word
- Sadness and sorrow reign, BUT will not last
- Jesus said he would die, BUT Jesus said he would rise again
- Death is a part of life, BUT death is not the final word
- We are sinners, who deserve death BUT Jesus has taken our place
- We are broken BUT we are made whole
- We were lost, BUT now we are found
- We were alone, BUT now we belong to God
- We were dead in sin, BUT now we are born anew

Death is around us, brokenness, sorrow BUT God keeps his promise - the promise of eternal life, the promise of forgiveness, the promise that he will never let us go. You belong to God. You are forgiven. You are loved. God will never let you go. That is a promise! God always keeps his promises.

You are God's people. Your children of the Promise. You are called out of darkness to God's marvelous light!

Christ is Risen. Risen Indeed — ALLELUIA and AMEN!

Let us pray:
Almighty God, bless our days and the new normal we find ourselves. Open our eyes to your presence today. Remind us that we are not alone. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

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

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Sunday, May 4th, 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 Deb |
| Laura K. | Gibbons' friend |
| Paula Collister | Sister in law of Liz Grider |
| Daniel Reisner | Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo |
| Terry Mackenzie | |

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

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|------------------------|--|
| April 20 th | Barb Pogachar |
| | Karl Petzinger |
| | Emily Saunders |
| April 25 th | Lynn Henry (sister of Jan Juhn) |
| | Gail and Jerry Bond (friends of Pat Sprague) |
| May 4 th | Steven |
| | Mike Loflin (brother in law of Dolph Rolik) |
| | Chuck Sieving |

Happy Birthday

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 05/01 Dineen Terstage | 05/12 Margaret Bailey |
| 05/01 Jim Lappin | 05/14 Cassandra Frey |
| 05/02 Abbie Gleespen | 05/14 Jason Franz |
| 05/02 Lillian Franz | 05/15 Brianna Lehman |
| 05/03 Brian Drobnak | 05/16 Hailey Vitko |
| 05/03 Grant Commnick | 05/17 Ian Kelly |
| 05/05 Ellen Oster | 05/18 Stephanie Pogachar |
| 05/06 Lois Smilor | 05/19 Blake Beard |
| 05/07 Ben Blakeslee | 05/22 Ron Filkill |
| 05/07 Lillian Fortuna | 05/24 Addison Kovach |
| 05/08 Dave Saunders | 05/27 Robert Mayer |
| 05/09 Josh Dragony | 05/28 Craig Jagels |
| 05/12 Diane Karp | 05/29 Jerry Karp |
| 05/12 Joyce Wood | 05/31 Jeff Babinski |
| | 05/31 Logan Vitko |



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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Online</u> | <u>In Person</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 04/27/2025 | 33 | 140 | 173 |
| 04/20/2025 | 58 | 287 | 345 |
| 04/13/2025 | 49 | 189 | 238 |
| 04/06/2025 | 37 | 171 | 208 |

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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.

Second Harvest

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

Giving Data

| <u>Operating Giving Report</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>AVG/Week</u> |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| 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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