



May 9th, 2025

# PEACE CONNECTION

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

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

Wednesday May 14th

Thursday May 15th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 16th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 17th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 18th  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
9:00 & 11:00 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:30 am Arden courts  
12:00 pm Last day of Sunday School,  
Skyzone day!  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday May 19th  
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 May 20th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

*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](mailto: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





# Sleep in Heavenly Peace Update—Sign Up Sheets Are Now Available!

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN in supporting our Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SiHP) ministry with both monetary and in-kind donations. Our donation of \$7500 was presented by Pastor Charlie to Nicole from SiHP on Saturday at the ELCA Women's Conference held at Prince of Peace (see below). Additionally, in-kind donations were tallied and picked up by Susie from SiHP including 13 Bag in a Bed sets, 13 sheet sets, 7 blankets/throws, 13 mattress protectors, 9 pillows, 9 comforters, and 6 BEAUTIFUL handmade quilts! (see below)

Sign up sheets are down in the lower lobby for both our Build Date on Saturday, June 7th from 9a to 12p and our Delivery Date on Saturday, June 21st from 10a to 1p. Remember, we need you to sign up both on the actual sheet and also use the QR code to register directly with SiHP for compliance purposes. If you aren't familiar with QR codes or do not wish to use them, please see either Diane or Shawn at church or reach out directly and we'll help you through it. Remember—we need up to 50 volunteers for the Build Day (including children) and up to 16 adult or high school age volunteers for Delivery Day. Any questions, please reach out to Diane Merhaut. Thank you!!



## Sisters in Spirit

Enjoy an afternoon with your sisters by painting a clay pot for your patio or windowsill. All materials are provided... bring your own lunch and a donation for Second Harvest (pasta, pasta sauce, olive oil or canned fish) Saturday, May 31st from 12-2pm. Meet under the Peace Pavilion! No reservation needed... if you have questions contact: Linda Thompson or Beth Cornick!



## Book Bank

Thank you to everyone for the book donations and volunteer support at the Kids Book Bank! We had a great time surrounded by wonderful books and hope they bring joy to many children in Cleveland!



## WORSHIP PLANS FOR SUMMER 2025

SUMMER	SCHEDULE	2025
Date	Inside	Outside
Sunday	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
May 25, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED
June 1, 2025	Traditional	Praise
June 8, 2025	Praise	Traditional
June 15, 2025	Traditional	Praise
June 22, 2025	Praise	Traditional
June 29, 2025	Traditional	Praise
July 6, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED
July 13, 2025	Praise	Traditional
July 20, 2025	Traditional	Praise
July 27, 2025	Praise	Traditional
August 3, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED
August 10, 2025	Traditional	Praise
August 17, 2025	Praise	Traditional
August 24, 2025	Traditional	Praise
August 31, 2025	Praise	Traditional
September 7, 2025	Service of the Word	COMBINED

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 25th and continuing through September 7th, this will be our summer worship schedule.

### 8:30 AM - INSIDE

A short 30-minute communion service will be held each Sunday inside.

This gives people an opportunity to worship inside if it's too hot or they don't care to be outside or just want to get on with the day before it gets too late with the short worship service that will include communion every week.

Only the 8:30 am service will be broadcast online

### 10 AM - OUTSIDE

A 10 AM service will be held every week in the pavilion. The format will be the praise service one week and the traditional service the next week. Whoever is not responsible for the 10 AM service will be leading the 8:30 AM service music.

If the weather is too threatening, too hot or too cold, we will move inside for the 10 AM service.

Once a month, or more frequently, a potluck lunch to follow the 10 AM service.

### COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

We will use this format for the first month or so

This will make communion setup more feasible for outside worship

Those who are uncomfortable with that can receive bread alone, for the benefits of the sacrament can be received in bread or wine alone (according to Martin Luther).

### COMBINED SERVICES –followed by a POTLUCK

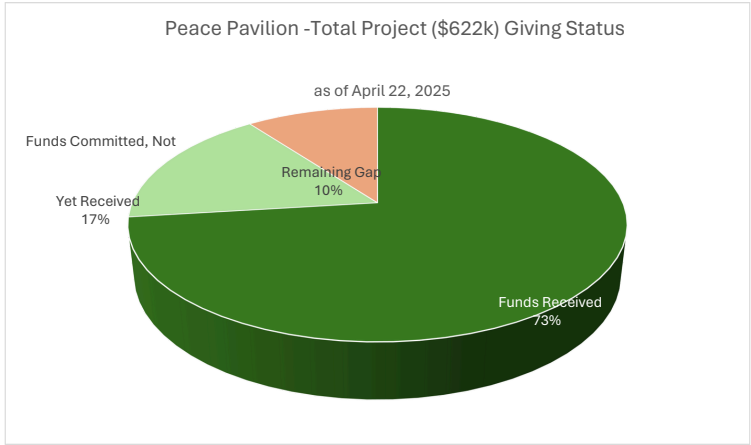
MAY 25 - Memorial Day Weekend (we will NOT have a potluck this day as we have the Chardon Polka Band scheduled for the day before – May 24 from 5 pm to 7 pm)

JULY 6 – 4th of JULY Weekend – Happy Birthday USA, Happy Birthday EVERYONE!

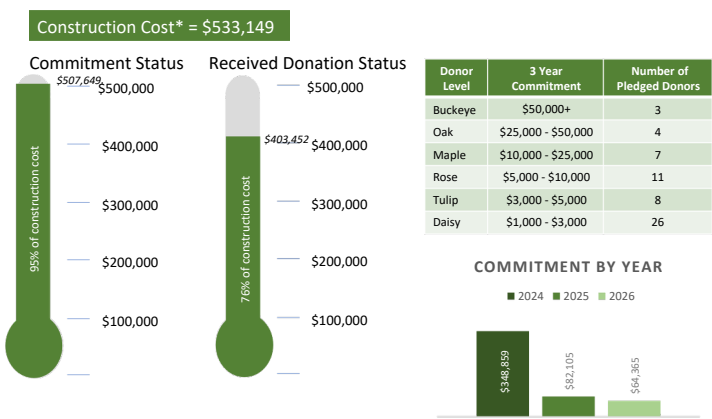
AUGUST 3 – CHRISTMAS in SUMMER Celebration

SEPTEMBER 7 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday

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



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



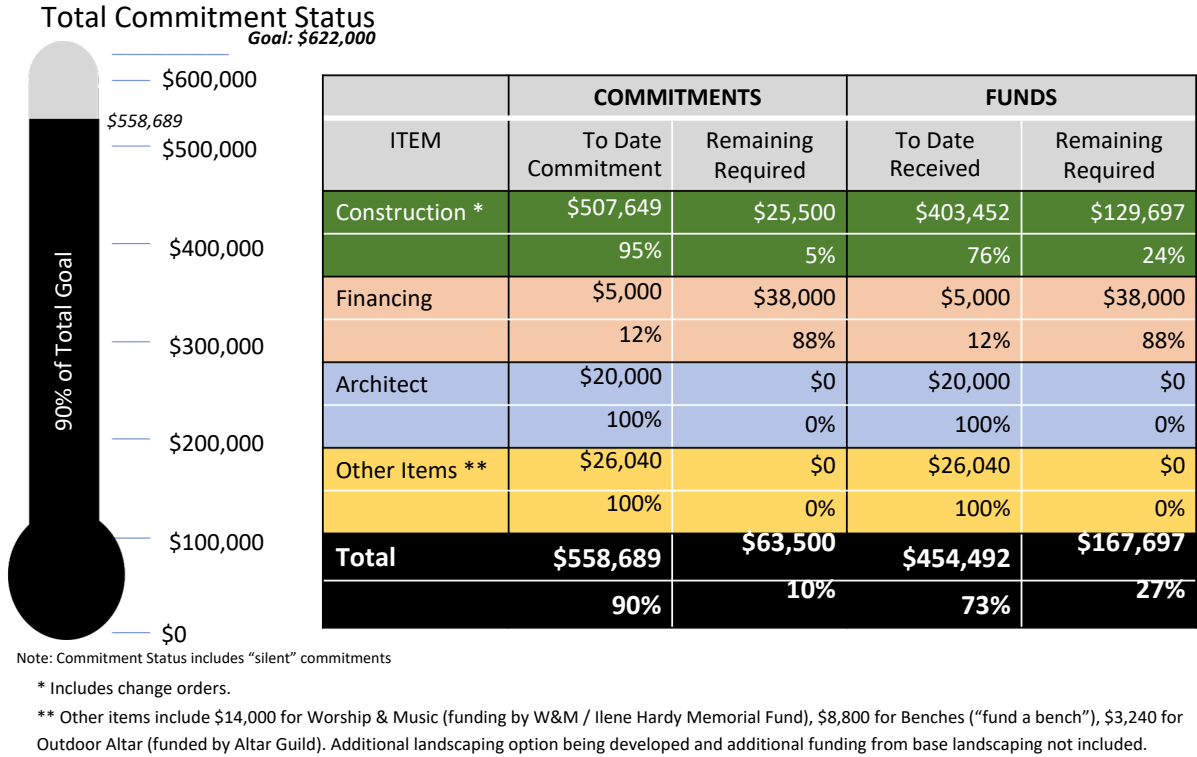
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus  
Status as of April 22, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost\* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items \* = \$26,040



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



# Profile Story

## MARK & JOANIE SLOAN



The Sloan family has deep connections to the Prince of Peace Family.

Mark was born in Lakewood, Ohio and grew up in Lakewood and Fairview Park. He attended Gilles-Sweet Elementary School, Fairview Junior High and graduated from Fairview High School. Mark began college education at Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio for two years and then spent two quarters at Cuyahoga Community College West Branch in Parma studying for a degree in Accounting. He has an older brother Keith and a younger brother Todd. Joanie was born in Flagstaff, Arizona and grew up in multiple locations, including Mexico, California and Ohio. She attended schools in all three places and graduated from Rocky River High School. Joanie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Ohio University. She has a younger sister Anne and a younger brother Jack.

Mark met Joanie, who was waitressing at the time, at the Grog Shop in the old Westgate Mall in Fairview Park. In August of this year, they will celebrate their 49th Wedding Anniversary. They have two daughters, Johnna age 46 and Jessie age 42. Both reside in the Chicago area. God has blessed Mark and Joanie with four grandchildren ages 10-15 and four step-grandchildren ages 20-29.

Mark took an interest in working construction after two and a half years of college courses. He liked the idea of seeing what was accomplished after a day's work. He and his brother Keith worked for Keith's father-in-law, a carpenter/contractor, building garages, decks, additions and home/commercial renovations. They also worked on one of the first U-Storage facilities in the area located on Lorain Road in North Olmsted way back in the day. Mark also worked for eight years in the Maintenance Division at Wendy's fast food chain in Northeast Ohio, consisting of approximately 30 stores. He finished his career working in the Maintenance Department at Lutheran Hospital for 25 years. He retired in 2014. Joanie spent 10 years in the travel business before moving into employee benefits for 11 years at the Cleveland Clinic Health System, after which she moved on to United Healthcare for 11 years as a key accounts manager. She retired in 2017.

Their connection to Prince Of Peace was mainly through the members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church on Clague Road in North Olmsted. Many of their friends from there became members of P.O.P. during the merger. They elected to attend Bethany English Lutheran Church on Triskett and Lorain roads and have been members since 2008. Mark, at the invitation of Dan Fronczak, became involved with the S.O.A.P. Bible Study, which was introduced at P.O.P. He's been attending the study since June of 2020. He finds it to be a discipline in study which has deepened his faith, knowledge of and love for the Lord. He also had involvement in Habitat for Humanity through P.O.P. for a time. Taking two separate 2 year Bethel Bible Studies courses at his home church has been gratifying for him personally. He's so thankful that the Lord has guided him into taking these life-changing classes.

Mark and Joanie have other interests and hobbies as well. Mark loves sports and watches them on T.V. whenever possible. He's always rooting for our local teams. He enjoys listening to music or movies on his audio system in the basement, which includes the resurgence of vinyl on his turntable. One little tidbit of information he shared is the fact that he was a charter member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and remembers attending their church services at the school gymnasium on Maple Ridge road in North Olmsted before there was actually a church building. Joanie's interests and hobbies include sewing, gardening, cooking and crafting. Joanie speaks fluent Spanish because of her time spent growing up and attending school in Mexico. Mark and Joanie also enjoy their time in Dunedin, Florida during the winter months.

Our community of Faith always benefits when we partner with others to strengthen the efforts to do God's work. The Sloan family brings a dedication we can all celebrate!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



*Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16; 24*

*Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies To the leader. A Psalm of David.*

*1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.*

*2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.*

*Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.*

*3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,*

*4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.*

*5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.*

*15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.*

*16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.*

*24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.*

*Christ is Risen!*

*He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!*

*The benediction we often use in worship includes those beautiful words: "The Lord make his face shine upon you." There is something about a smile that can bring light into the darkest places. My phone has a "face recognition" safety feature on it — to unlock the phone, I simply hold the phone up to my face, and it will recognize me and allow me to use its features. I have found recently that when I am wearing a mask to go shopping, the phone doesn't know who I am. I understand that I am not alone — Apple is working on figuring out how to make that feature more user-friendly to the masked consumers.*

*When have you experienced the face of God shining upon you?*

*Another factor in my phone's face recognition is that the phone has to facing me directly before I can be recognized.*

*I believe God's blessings are given to us every day, but there are times we aren't looking in the right places. It's often a matter of perspective.*

*A few examples:*

- I can look outside and see the green grass growing and behold the beauty of new life in God's creations. OR I can look at that same grass and see it as a lawn that I need to mow and trim (maybe that is where the title "crab grass" came from?).*
- I can listen to the laughter and the tears of my kids in the house and thank God they are healthy. OR I can complain that I can never be alone.*
- I can enjoy some time of quiet and solitude and give thanks to God for some peace in my life. OR I can be frustrated by the loneliness of being alone.*

*Whatever situation in which we find ourselves, is there an opportunity, even a slight one, that God's face might shine upon us?*

*I would suggest the last verse of our psalm for today encompasses that - Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.*

*A retired pastor in a church I served many years ago always sat in the side balcony of the church at the end of the pew. I remember his posture when I pronounced the benediction each week — he would turn and face me directly, and he would hold out his arms, as if ready to embrace a loved one. He was ready to let God's face shine upon him.*

*An old hymn comes to mind:*

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, Turn your eyes upon Jesus*

*Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim*

*In the light of His glory and grace, Oh soul are you weary and troubled?*

*No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior*

*And life more abundant and free, His word shall not fail you, He promised*

*Believe Him and all will be well, Then go to a world that is dying*

*His perfect salvation to tell, Turn your eyes upon Jesus*

*Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim*

*In the light of His glory and grace, Christ is Risen. Risen Indeed — ALLELUIA and AMEN!*

*Let us pray:*

*Almighty God, we turn to you. Let your face shine upon us, your glory warm us, and your promises carry us. We pray this in the name of the Good Shepherd 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**

[Register Here!](#)



**Sunday, May 11th, 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	
Chris	Friend of Jane Dillon

**Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:**

April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Henry (sister of Jan Juhn)
	Gail and Jerry Bond (friends of Pat Sprague)
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Steven
	Mike Loflin (brother in law of Dolph Rolik)
	Chuck Sieving
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Saunders
	Benjamin (Grandson of John Cuciak)
	Benny (child of Liz Grider's friends)
	Emma & Mariah (daughters of Liz Grider's coworker)
	Paula Collister (sister-in-law of Liz Grider)



## 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	05/24 Addison Kovach
05/07 Lillian Fortuna	05/27 Robert Mayer
05/08 Dave Saunders	05/28 Craig Jagels
05/09 Josh Dragony	05/29 Jerry Karp
05/12 Diane 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

Date	Online	In Person	Total
05/04/2025	58	164	222
04/27/2025	33	140	173
04/20/2025	58	287	345
04/13/2025	49	189	238

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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

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31st, 2025:	\$66,558	\$12,812
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	34%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$332,442	\$8,524
Total Expenses Incurred through 3/31/25:	\$137,990	\$10,615



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