



Peace
United Church of Christ



Preparing the Way

2027 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
TO SUPPORT PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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The bells of Peace Church have called generations of people together in worship, community, and hope. Their stories reflect our own. Cast from objects once associated with conflict, they became symbols of peace, reconciliation, and new life—a reminder that God transforms what was once broken into something that brings people together.

For more than a century, the people of Peace United Church of Christ have carried that same spirit forward. They built more than a church. They created a place where neighbors find hope, children belong, lives are restored, and the wider community gathers.

Because of their faithfulness, we enjoy the blessings of their vision today.

NOW IT IS OUR TURN TO PREPARE THE WAY.



A PLACE WHERE LIVES ARE CHANGED

Every week, hundreds of people walk through the doors of Peace.

Some come for worship. Others come for recovery meetings, the Another Door shelter, community gatherings, celebrations of life, or simply because they know they will be welcomed.

One member described Peace as "the living room of the community." It's a place where people are seen, supported, and reminded they don't have to face life alone.

The ministry that begins here ripples far beyond these walls, strengthening families, restoring hope, and reflecting God's love throughout our community.



Preparing the Way Today

BUILDINGS DO NOT CHANGE LIVES. PEOPLE DO.

And people need places where ministry can flourish.

Upgrading our aging HVAC system is about more than being good stewards of our building. It is also about protecting the warmth of our welcome so Peace remains a place where people can gather safely, comfortably, and year-round.

This investment will:

- Sustain worship, as well as recovery ministries, the Another Door shelter, and the many community partnerships that call Peace home.
- Reduce long-term operating costs by upgrading to an energy-efficient system that will reinforce our commitment to creation.
- Prepare our building for future ministry, including improvements that better welcome children and young families.



THIS IS MORE THAN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

IT IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF PEACE'S MINISTRY.

THE FUTURE WE'RE PREPARING

Imagine Peace ten years from now.

Children fill the nursery.

Recovery groups continue to gather.

Community organizations still find an open door.

Families discover a place where they belong.

The ministry that has blessed our community
for generations continues to ripple outward
because we chose to prepare the way.

Those before us invested in the church we
enjoy today. Now we have the privilege of doing
the same for generations we may never meet.

Whether Peace has been your church home for
fifty years or you've only recently found your way
here, this campaign is an invitation to continue
a legacy of faith, hospitality, and hope.

TOGETHER, LET'S PREPARE THE WAY.

Preparing the Way Together

PREPARING THE WAY GOAL: \$917,000–\$1,030,000

Over the next three years, we are committed to investing in the future of Peace by upgrading our heating and cooling system (\$917,000). If we exceed this goal, we will pay down our loan on the office/narthex HVAC unit (\$81,000) and upgrade our lighting to LEDs (\$32,000).

REACHING OUR GOAL

Our goal is well within our reach when each of us prayerfully considers our most generous gift. The chart below offers a gifting pathway to our goal—crafted specifically for Peace.

GIFT AMOUNT	NUMBER NEEDED	TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
\$90,000	1	\$90,000	\$90,000
\$75,000	1	\$75,000	\$165,000
\$60,000	3	\$180,000	\$345,000
\$50,000	3	\$150,000	\$495,000
\$30,000	3	\$90,000	\$585,000
\$25,000	4	\$100,000	\$685,000
\$15,000	5	\$75,000	\$760,000
\$9,000	6	\$54,000	\$814,000
\$6,000	6	\$36,000	\$850,000
\$3,000	8	\$24,000	\$874,000
\$1,500	9	\$13,500	\$887,500
\$900	12	\$10,800	\$898,300
UNDER \$900	MANY	\$131,700	\$1,030,000

Note: Tax-deductible gifts to the campaign are above and beyond your regular giving, which supports the general operating expenses of the church.

VENTURING COURAGEOUSLY

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to courageously invest your financial resources in this campaign. This chart and the *Making Your Gift* list on the opposite page may be helpful as you consider your commitment.

WEEKLY AMOUNT	MONTHLY AMOUNT	YEARLY AMOUNT	THREE-YEAR TOTAL
\$128	\$555	\$6,666	\$20,000
\$96	\$416	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$64	\$277	\$3,333	\$10,000
\$32	\$138	\$1,667	\$5,000
\$12	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$6.50	\$28	\$336	\$1,000

COMMITMENT CARDS

- A completed commitment card, indicating the amount you intend to give during the campaign, will help Peace leaders plan for the future.
- Commitments are not binding. If your financial situation changes, your commitment can also change.
- More information about making your commitment to *Preparing the Way* can be found in the FAQ.

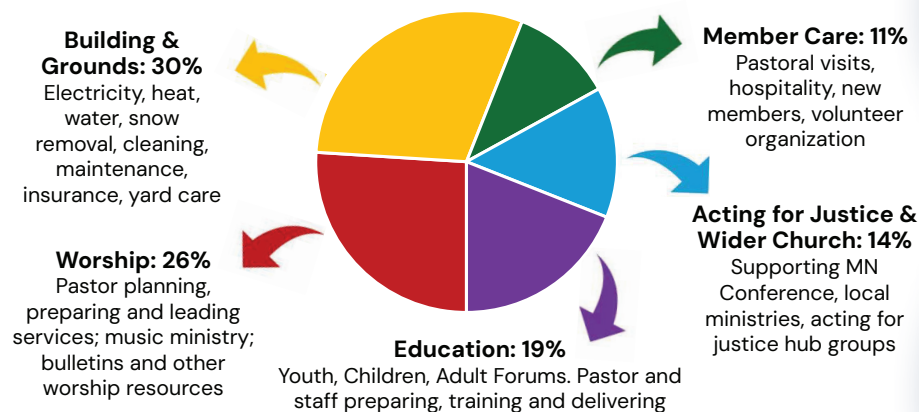
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2027 stewardship campaign

As you prayerfully consider an investment in the future of Peace, we ask that you also consider your investment in our day-to-day operations for 2027. Our stewardship campaign is conducted annually and supports over 85% of the budget. We ask that you continue to generously support our annual campaign, along with your capital gift. These two separate opportunities allow us to invest in long-term facility needs that aren't part of the budget, while continuing to fund the ministries and programs that happen every day.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO RUN PEACE CHURCH? YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES IT HAPPEN!

Here's the breakdown of our annual budget:



WATCH FOR AN INVITE SOON!

We will kick off the stewardship campaign on October 10 with a complimentary dinner and talent show. You won't want to miss this event! We will review this past year's accomplishments and look forward to the plans for 2027. And, seeing the talent we have in our Peace family is truly inspiring.

MAKING YOUR GIFT

Below are a few examples of the many ways to make your contributions:

- *Monthly Automated Withdrawal*
- *Monthly, Quarterly, or Yearly Checks*
- *Gifts of Stock*
- *Gifts from an IRA*
- *Gifts from a Donor-Advised Fund*
- *Gifts of an Appreciated Asset*
- *Postponing a Larger Purchase*
- *Priority Budgeting*
- *Yearly Bonus*
- *Yearly Tax Refund*



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