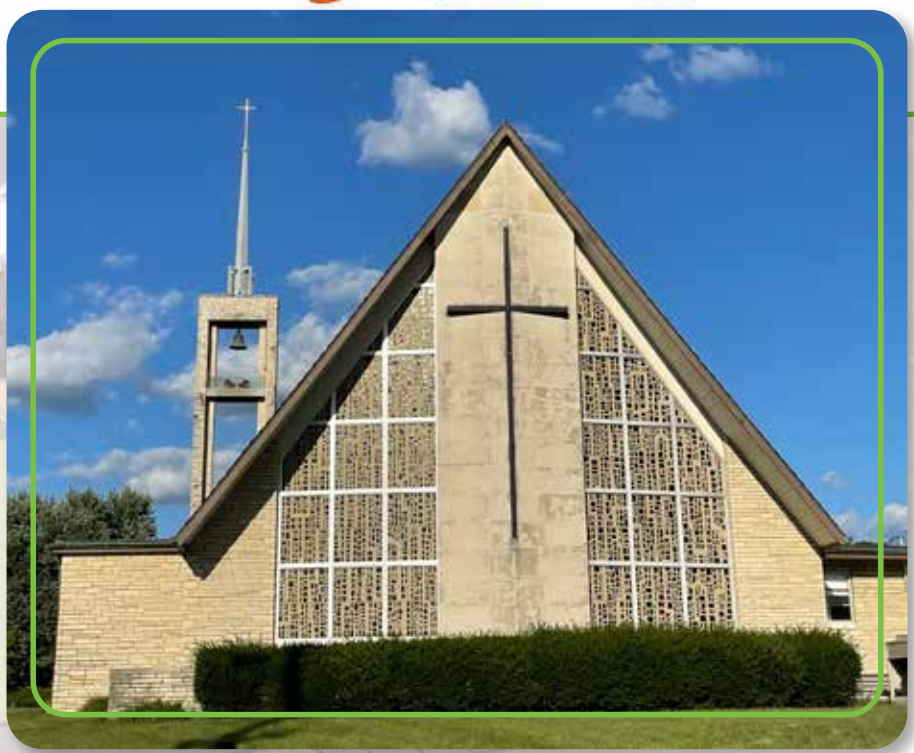
BUILDING for the FUTURE



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gahanna, ohio

OUR HERITAGE

1838

The community of Lutherans in Mifflin and Jefferson township combined efforts to build the United Reformed Lutheran Church.

1894

As the first building began to fail, our second home was built in central Gahanna, now known as “The Sanctuary”, using many of the bricks from the original church.

1963

Peace expands into a larger facility with more space for worship and ministry. The Narthex is added in 1993.

2023 - Present

Peace's Vision Board forms a committee to outline the facility's future vision and capital needs.

They gather insights through surveys, focus groups, and interviews about aspirations for our ministries and how the building can support them.

The following pages detail this vision.

OUR FUTURE

2004

The multipurpose ConneXions Center is added to Peace's campus. Additional investments in the roof, boiler, chiller, organ and technology occur 2015 - 2022.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR PEACE IN 50 YEARS?

This is the question we set out to answer.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

• Our building and grounds are a valuable gift that supports our mission to love God, neighbor and self.

• In 50 years, we envision a thriving, vibrant space filled with adults and families building relationships through worship, study, fellowship, outreach and community use.

• Many facility components need replacement or updates, including windows, furnishings, bathrooms, elevator access, security, and the parking lot.

• Our ministries use the spaces we have, but they aren't optimally meeting current or anticipated future needs.

WHY NOW?

• In order to achieve our vision, we must address critical maintenance and updates. We have the opportunity to improve the layout of use and spaces at the same time to support our ministries.

• The mortgage was paid off in 2024, leaving us debt-free.

BUILDING for WELCOME

Peace's vision statement states "every individual who enters our doors or is touched by our ministries will feel loved, supported and connected to others." This includes making our environment welcoming and safe for all.

ONE ENTRANCE

A two-sided lobby will greet members and visitors at Peace, providing access from both parking lots. Updated furnishings and lighting will enhance the space. One common entrance will improve staff oversight and access control.

EASIER WAYFINDING

Better signage inside and out will help visitors navigate Peace's campus. Visible inclusion statements and images will reinforce our status as an Reconciling in Christ church.

WORSHIPFUL SPACES

We will continue to offer multiple spaces for worship and reflection, including refurbished traditional Sanctuary and ConneXtions Center and outdoor worship.

INCREASE ADA ACCESS

A new elevator will assist visitors and ministries in moving between floors.

Renovated bathrooms will improve the experience for those requiring physical support and families with children.

Reconfiguring the parking lot will improve flow, add more handicap spaces, and repair damaged sidewalks.

BUILDING for FAMILIES

Children and teens are our future. Additional classroom space for learning and growing in faith, security features and elevator access will allow these ministries to grow and keep them safe.

IMPROVED SPACES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Providing additional spaces for children's and youth ministries support these growing ministries, including Creekside Cottage School, a hybrid homeschooling organization.

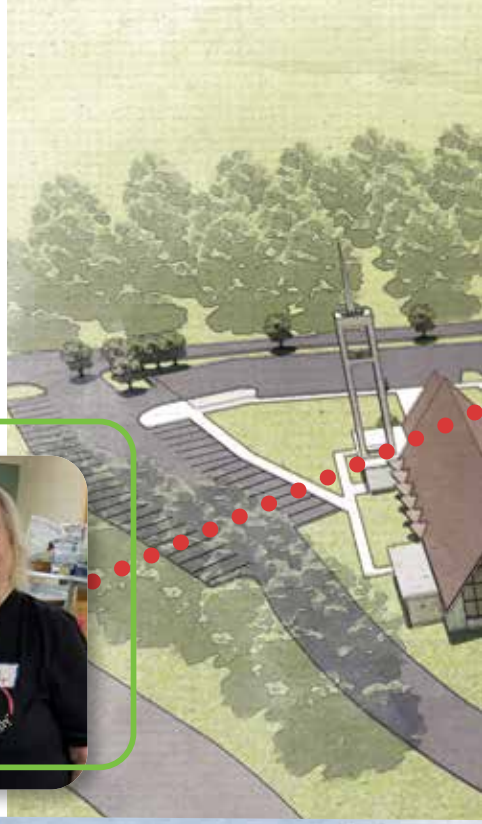
Community groups will benefit from updated classrooms and multipurpose areas that are also accessible for children with special needs.

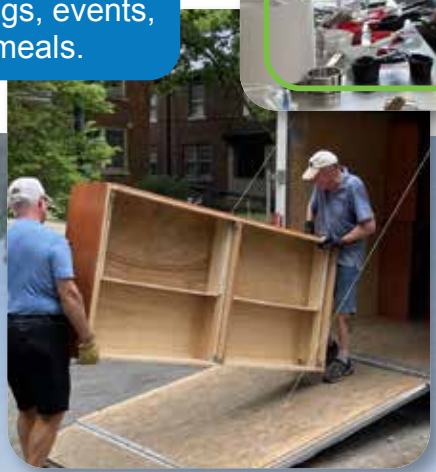
SUPPORTING PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Adding spaces that are family-friendly bathrooms to accommodate everyone who enters our doors.

BUILDING for COMMUNITY

We multiply our impact on the world by partnering with external non-profits and community groups. Key needs include meal services, support for collecting and distributing donations, and spaces for meetings, events, classrooms, and meals.





BETTER STORAGE

Today, our ministries often repurpose classrooms for storage, limiting the usefulness of both. Reconfigured floorplan will include purpose-built storage spaces to support our ministries and for staging of donations.

A SAMPLE OF OUR MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

- Bed Brigade
- First English Lutheran Church
- Haitian Timoun Foundation
- The Hardy Center
- Gahanna Residents In Need (G.R.I.N.)
- Gahanna City Schools/Gahanna Parks & Rec.
- National Church Residences
- Sojourners

MULTI-USE MEETING SPACES

Updated meeting rooms in a variety of sizes will serve study, fellowship, service and community groups.

Updated technology will make rooms easily reservable, support virtual participants and control off-hour building access via digital keys.

THE PLAN

Through listening to the needs of our community, prayer and discernment, the updates and renovations will equip our building to better serve current and future ministries.

$5M

- Build new two-sided entrance with elevator.
- Reconfigure existing spaces for updated bathrooms, storage and multi-use meeting rooms.
- Redesign parking lot flow and signage for improved traffic and accessibility, repairing sidewalks.
- Address critical maintenance and updates including new windows, carpet, finishes, lighting and furnishings and adding air-conditioning where needed.

TAKE ACTION

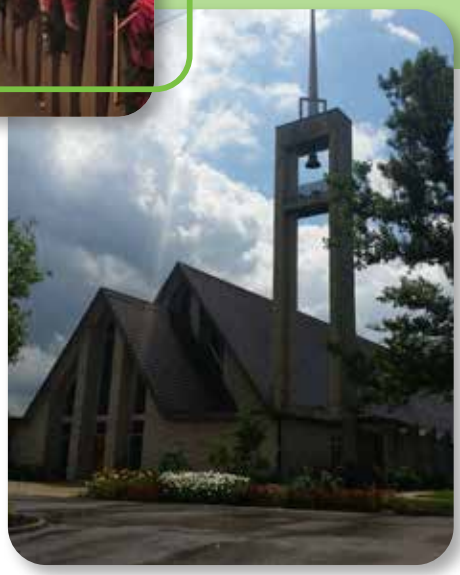
Prayerfully consider taking one of the following actions to bring this vision to life.

PRAY

Join our Prayer team, where you will regularly pray for wisdom for our committee and generosity of our congregation.

ENGAGE

Get involved in the campaign by volunteering or hosting an information meeting to share your inspiration from this future vision.



YOUR THREE YEAR COMMITMENT

GIVE

This vision will only be possible with the generous financial gifts of our community. To achieve the full vision, below is a table of estimated gifts required. Please prayerfully consider your own giving potential, above and beyond your annual giving to our Peace operations.

GIFTS REQUIRED TO HIT OUR GOAL

GIFT LEVEL	NUMBER OF GIFTS REQUIRED	AMOUNT GENERATED
$250,000	5	$1,250,000
$100,000	8	$800,000
$75,000	10	$750,000
$50,000	7	$350,000
$25,000	30	$750,000
$10,000	50	$500,000
$5,000	64	$320,000
$2,500	72	$180,000
$1,000	100	$100,000
TOTAL	346	$5,000,000

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS YOUR GIFTS CAN BE DONATED

- Cash, Check, or Money Order
- Asset Transfer from securities from your brokerage account
- Distribution from Donor Advised Fund
- Distribution from named endowment

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LOVE GOD, NEIGHBOR, AND SELF.

Together we can grow our mission here on earth by building for the future.

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