



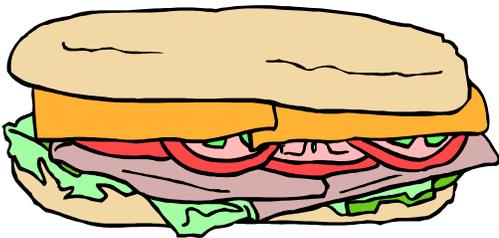
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"Growing Together in Peace"

Super Bowl Subs and Bake Sale



The PMC Youth Sub and Bake Sale Fundraiser is Sunday, February 7th — Super Bowl Sunday. If you pre-ordered sub sandwiches pick up will be in Zion Hall after Church.

If you didn't order—don't worry, lots of extra sandwiches will be available to buy that day. There will also be a yummy bake sale in conjunction with the subs. All proceeds will be going towards the Youth Mission trip. Please help support the Youth Programming at Peace Memorial even if you are not a football fan!!! (The commercials are always fun.)



Communion Services

February 10, 2016
11 a.m.—Fireside Chapel
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting Peace Memorial Church March 13, 2016

Presentation of Annual Reports
10:45 a.m. In the Sanctuary



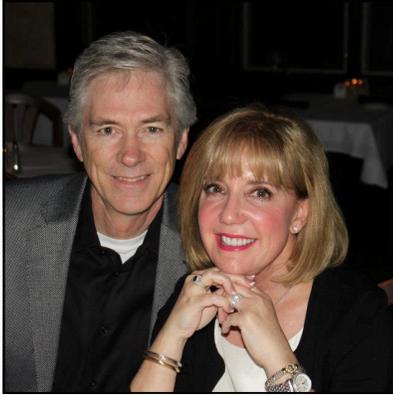
2015 Statements Of Giving

Statements that were not picked up at church will be mailed by January 31st. Call the church office if you haven't received yours.

Messenger Deadline



The deadline for articles for the March issue of the *Messenger* is **Monday, February 15th**. The issue will be available for pickup on Sunday, February 28.



A Warm Welcome

By Reverend Philip Price

What a joy it has been getting to know you! You have welcomed Vicki and me so warmly and I deeply appreciate your gracious hospitality.

In the small group sessions we have shared stories, memories, hopes and dreams. We have shared our thoughts on the state of the church and offered opinions on what we might do about it. We have talked about this “in-between time,” and how important it is to, “prepare the way” to receive you next called Pastor.

Last summer Vicki and I rode our Harley through the mountains in Tennessee and the Carolinas. Often we would stop at the look off places that dot these curvy roads. Sometimes we could see far back down the mountain and see where we came from. Other times we could see far into the distance and catch a glimpse of where we were going. This time of transition is something like those mountain stop points. We will spend time looking back seeing where we have come from. Roots are important. Looking back we will find stories of great faithfulness, sacrifice and amazing grace! We will honor the courage, determination and generosity of that great company of “saints in light” in whose hearts this church was born, took shape and served. We will also look forward and do the work and make the choices that will be the wings of this church as it achieves new heights of ministry and service.

This is an exciting time to be a part of Peace Memorial! Please pray for your leaders as they seek to be faithful servants of the faith you have put in them. Pray for all the members as we all seek to grow in faith and be filled with God. Pray for our community, people all around us who are struggling with the issues of life that they open themselves to the God of redemption, wisdom and joy!

See you in worship!

Phil

Mission and Spiritual Care



**OPERATION
BLESSING**

In February, the Mission and Spiritual Care committee will be focusing our support on Operation Blessing, a local faith-based organization that provides family assistance. Since 1982, Operation Blessing has been serving the south western suburban communities of Chicago. Every month, more than 1,400 families receive assistance from Operation Blessing. Whether you need food for the family, a listening ear, or encouraging word, you can reach out to them.

Operation Blessing receives no government support. They are supported by monetary donations and donations in kind from individuals, churches, and local businesses. Most of the work of sorting and packing food items, picking up donations, working in the office, or other daily activities are done by volunteers.

In February we will collect Heart Healthy Cereal for Operation Blessing's food pantry. Additionally, throughout February, donations received in the ‘pink envelopes’ will go to support Operation Blessing.



SOMETHING TO EAT

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

~Matthew 25:35

The Outreach and Evangelism committee is planning a Something to Eat™ packaging event at our church. **The event will be held on Saturday, March 12th.** Everyone is invited to participate.

Something to Eat™ is a crisis response, meal packaging program. It is designed as a socially interactive, tangible way for youth and others to respond to relief efforts through responsible, low-cost, nutrient-dense meals. Something to Eat™ is also a spiritual practice, where we encounter Christ in solidarity with others. We feed one another both physically and spiritually. Each meal consists of rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and essential vitamins.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Have questions or want to get involved?

Contact Pastor Sarah.

Coffee Hour Sponsorship



On the Visitors' Desk is a blue binder that contains calendars for every month in 2016. If you or your family would like to sponsor Coffee Hour on a particular Sunday please enter your name on the calendar and notify someone on the Fellowship committee: Lori Mason, Glenn Kuelto, Gail Jefchak, Sue Freund or Cathy Miller or you can call the church office 708-4487833. An announcement is placed in the announcements for that Sunday and signs are displayed at coffee hour. Choices are: coffee cakes, decorated cakes or doughnuts and bagels. Cost for sponsorship is based on what is ordered.

A Place of Expectation

Greetings Members and Friends,

We are not sure if you have heard, Peace Memorial Church is in a new place. We have not moved to a new church building. The new place is a place of *expectation*. In his first sermon as our Interim Pastor, Phil challenged us all to look at this time as one of expectation. There are many words associated with expectation, words like possibility, intention, view and anticipation. To that end, we welcome you to come or come back to church during this time of expectation. We are looking forward to where Peace Memorial Church will be in the future and we need you here to help us with the vision. In the first few months there will be small groups for all to attend to share your thoughts about the past and most importantly your hopes, dreams and beliefs about the future of Peace Memorial Church. Please know that all are welcome and we look forward to seeing you soon!

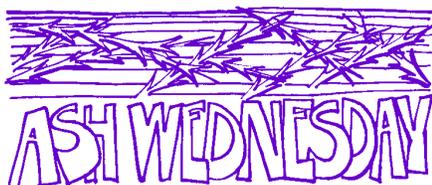
—The Evangelism and Outreach Committee,

Book Discussions to Resume

Our book discussions will start again at 1:30 p.m. in Peace Lounge on Thursday February 11. The first discussion will be of Paul's letter to the Galatians from the New Testament. The Galatians letter may be one of the earliest writings in the New Testament. In it Paul discusses the fruit of the Spirit, the nature of Christian freedom, the works of the flesh, and the Jewish law. In the letter Paul also rebukes Peter and offers a defense of his own apostleship. We invite you to join us in discussing this very early Christian writing. Call Michael at (630-257-7684) for additional information.

Future discussions will be as follows:

- March - Hawthorne's short story, "Rappaccini's Daughter" in Young Goodman Brown and Other Stories
- April - Emerson's essay, "Friendship" in Self Reliance and Other Essays
- May - Thoreau's essay, "Walking" in Civil Disobedience and Other Essays
- June - Chauncey's sermon, "Man's Life Considered Under the Similitude of a Vapour..." in Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God
- July - The New Testament, "Epistle of James"
- August - The Old Testament, "Daniel," chapters 7 and 8



More on Mental Illness

By Vera Bayer

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Brenden McLean, NAMI Communications Manager in the Spring, 2015 issue of NAMI Advocate titled “What Does It Mean to Have a Mental Illness?” (This month I am only writing what children had to say regarding their mental illness). Next month I will continue writing what children had to say because I think it is important for us to know who children feel when they know they are different when they have a mental illness.

- It means having difficulty finding answers to your problems when you don’t even know the questions—Angela
- For me, it means that I need to be extra mindful and not act on every impulse as they happen. It’s a deliberate and conscious decision to choose my behavior. It also means swallowing my pride to say, “I’m sorry,” when I mess up—Becca
- That even in the midst of a great day, a black hole can appear and threaten to swallow me—Susan
- It means working twice as hard to function half as well as others—Nicholas
- It means I have certain strengths and certain weaknesses; it means I have to teach the mainstream how to accommodate my needs; it means I will have to learn to overcome stigma and discrimination at an incredible rate; it means I might have to take medication; it means I have to really know myself; it means I will live, love and give just like anyone else; it means I will have to be extra patient with those who do not understand and I will have to be a teacher to those who stereotype—Joseph
- It means I always wonder if my mind is lying to me or not (usually it is)—Jessica

If you are in need of help, remember the following places:

1. N.A.M.I. Southwest (708) 425-0925 for support, education and advocacy for persons with mental illness and their families.
2. Metropolitan Family Services Southwest (708) 974-2300 for counseling and mental health services.
3. Emergency Mental healthcare Center (708) 331-0500 for 24/7 emergency mental health care.

Life Line Screening Coming on April 8 at Peace Memorial Church



Pre-registration is required. Call 1-888-653-6450 to register for an appointment or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Forms will be included in the March Messenger that can be faxed in. Screenings are for Stroke/Carotid Artery, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis.

MINGLE JINGLE SHOPPE

Peace Memorial Church is having a revival, we are reviving the Mingle Jingle Shoppe this November and are looking for vendors. If you are interested or know someone interested please fill out or pass along the application that can be obtained in the church office and return it to the church office.



“Pause and Ponder”

- Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella: That’s Faith
- When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her: That’s Trust
- Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up: That’s Hope
- We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future: That’s Confidence
- We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children: That’s Love
- On an old man’s shirt was written a sentence “I am not 81 years old—I am sweet 16 with 65 years experience”: That’s Attitude
- Have a happy day, live your life like the six stories!

Thank You from Pastor Shana

Today as I unpack boxes and try to find new places to store my things, I am embarking on a new journey. You too are embarking on a new journey, as Pastor Phil will be unpacking his boxes in the office and settling in to begin his ministry with you at Peace Memorial Church as you begin the work and search for a new settled pastor.

As I wrote in the Call to Worship for worship on Sunday, December 27, we both join a journey, already in progress, a journey of the Church of Jesus Christ where things are never static, but always changing. People come and people go, but the work and ministry of Jesus Christ carries on.

On my last Sunday at Peace Memorial Church, I was deeply touched and grateful for all the ways you honored the time and ministry we shared together for the last seven and half years. I was blown away by your extravagant generosity. Thank you for leaving my family and me with such a beautiful memory of the end of my ministry at PMC.

I know that putting together such an event takes time and effort and to that end, I want to thank all those who were involved in my farewell service.

To the Trustees, thank you for your planning.

Thank you, especially to Gary and Melissa for your kind and beautiful words that moved me to tears.

Thank you Pastor Sarah for the sweet picture of the children and for having the children do a laying on hands as their goodbye to me.

Thank you to Bob, Tom, Amanda, and the choir for the powerful music that said more than words alone could ever say.

Thank you to Peace Village for providing the food and serving at the reception in Zion Hall.

Thank you to all those who gave me cards and special gifts (many which will soon be on display in my new office) to express your love and friendship.

And thank you to the following people who donated to the GENEROUS gift that was presented to me in the worship service:

Kathy and Rich Voboril, Gary and Verna Kwiatkowski, Lori Mason, Jim Keyser, Jan Kruse, Larry, Kathi and Joe Graben, Vera Bayer, Dave and Kim Skala, Linnea and Mark Rimkus, Jackie Schulien, Virginia Bailie, The Swieringa Family, Phyllis Karner, Lou Ann Boone, Ken and Cathy Miller, Brian and Ethel Koch, Nancy and Ed Polzin, Deb Skowron, Mike and Judy Galati, Rich and Judi Lisak, Tom and Joanne Bockmann, Joan Bockmann, George and Ellen Holmes, Ray and Jo Kujawa, Lorraine Grand, Wayne and Carol Hoefler, William Bayer, Paul Gross, Melissa and Quentin Maguire, Glenn, Pam and Eric Kuelto, David Haynie, Vicki Olson, Elaine and Tom Angone, Marilyn Tebbens, Eileen Hutchinson, Rick and Susan Kukla, Laura Haase, Bob, Connie, Brian, Brad and Brett Nolan, Robert and Rosemary Freebeck, Eleanor Cochonour, Dave and Ruth Stewart, Phyllis Klaiber, Rick and Jayne Przybylski, Ken and Barb Kamper, Phyllis Collins, Renee and Jack Puckett, Bill and Karen Blaser, Rose and Joe Signore, Bob, Karen and Elise Signore, Linda Metz, Dorothy Johnson, Howard and Priscilla Hook, Russell Hook, Charley and Dawn Smith, and several anonymous givers.

Your gift will be used for the start up and transition costs of my move and the time between the end of ministry at Peace Memorial Church and my March 1 start of ministry with the Illinois South Conference as their new Designated Conference Minister.

A new journey has begun for both us. A journey of new experiences, new people, and new opportunities. My prayer is that as we walk this sacred path we will continue to serve God faithfully, grow in faith and live out a life worthy of the calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

May God bless and keep each one of you...until we meet again,
Rev. Shana Johnson



February 2016



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <p>1</p> <p>7 pm Residence Board</p> <p>7 pm Men's Basketball</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Village</p> | <p>3</p> <p>7am Volunteers 9am Crafters & Quilter 2pm Worship at Peace Village 6:30 pm Bunco 6:30 pm Youth Group, Youth Center</p> | <p>4</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship; Communion NO Sunday School Sub Sandwich Pick Up 11am Bell Rehearsal</p> | <p>8</p> <p>7 pm Men's Basketball</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Village</p> | <p>10 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7am Volunteers 9am Crafters & Quilter 11 am Worship Fireside Chapel 3 pm Cook for PADS 7:30 pm Worship</p> | <p>11</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Book Discussion Peace Lounge</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11am Bell Rehearsal 11:30 am Confirmation</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Messenger Deadline</p> <p>7 pm Men's Basketball</p> | <p>16</p> <p>10:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Village</p> <p>7 pm Alzheimer's Support Group</p> | <p>17</p> <p>7am Volunteers 9am Crafters & Quilter</p> <p>7 pm Trustees</p> | <p>18</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Greater Chicago Food Depository</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11am Bell Rehearsal Louise Smith's 102nd Birthday Celebration</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7 pm Men's Basketball</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Village</p> | <p>24</p> <p>7am Volunteers 9am Crafters & Quilter; Messenger</p> | <p>25</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
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February 2

Joanne Bockmann

February 3

James Dorencz

Gail Korbitz

Kellan Launius

Rebecca Mishler

February 4

Ronald Malcolm

February 5

Jeanne McDonald

February 6

Elaina Johnson

Ronald Rudnicki

Ellen Swenson

February 7

Jean Buck

Kenneth Miller, Jr.

Adam White

February 11

Judy Dags

Cody White

February 14

Josephine Kujawa

Joan Frase

Wendee Vopelak

February 15

Eileen Hutchinson

Barbara Kamper

Dorothy Menker

February 16

Len Haynes

February 17

Jordan Ferrantelli

February 19

William Oremovich

February 20

Eleanor Cochonour

Georgene Corbitt

February 22

Florence Burger

February 23

Laine Mackle

Louise Smith

February 24

George Macauley

Nathan Wrublik

February 25

George Holmes

February 26

Emily Freund

Janet Hansen

Bettejane Jaeger

Hanna Johnson

February 27

Christine Ferrantelli

Rose Signore

February 28

Cheryl Channic

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Our Members And Friends Funeral

Harry P. Froebel, passed away
December 15, 2015

Congratulations

- Ellen and Norman Swenson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 26, 2015
- Ken and Barb Kamper on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 15th.

Thank You's

- From Respond Now thanking the church for having a food drive benefiting our pantry.
- From the Township of Worth thanking the congregation for all the support our church has given their food pantry.
- From Tinley Park Food Pantry, Inc. for the recent donation of food to the Pantry from the Thanksgiving Ingathering of Food.



"On the Lighter Side"

"King Solomon," declared a little girl in Sunday school, "is my favorite character in the Bible. He was kind to ladies and animals."

The startled teacher asked, "Who told you that?"

"Nobody told me. I read it myself in the Bible, asserted the little girl. "It says Solomon kept seven hundred wives and three hundred porcupines."

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Save the date... Birthday Celebration February 21st

Come and celebrate with family and friends as we wish happy birthday to Louise Smith on her 102nd birthday.



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