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# Messenger of Peace

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*"Growing Together in Peace"*



Reverend Jed C. and Susan Watson

## Peace Memorial Welcomes Rev. Jed and Susan Watson

Peace Memorial Church would like to welcome it's new pastor, the Rev. Jed C. Watson and his wife Susan! His first Sunday will be Palm Sunday, April 14. We hope that he and Susan are as excited as we are to begin a new chapter in the PMC story.

Our search process was a long one, but many things were accomplished under the excellent leadership of our interim pastor, the Rev. Phil Price. We are ready to continue the work that has already begun. Under Pastor Jed's leadership, we hope that we will be led in new directions that provide opportunities for us and others in our community to serve God.

Pastor Jed and Susan are anxious to meet each and every member of Peace memorial Church. We will have several dates and times available so that everyone will have the opportunity to meet with them in small groups. This should make it easier for all of us to get to know each other.

Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 14 to welcome Pastor Jed and Susan!

### *Holy Week Schedule 2019*

*April 14—Palm Sunday*

*9:30 a.m. worship*



*April 18 -Maundy Thursday*

*Communion*

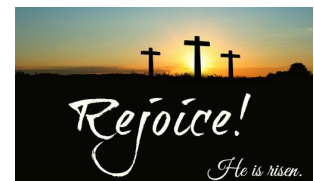
*7:30 p.m. Sanctuary*



*April 19—Good Friday*

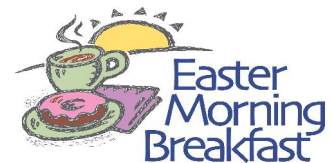
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*7:30 p.m. Sanctuary*



*April 21—Easter*

*8:00 am Breakfast*



*9:30 Worship*



# PMC ONA Committee

## Event April 7th

Greetings from the PMC ONA committee. At some time in the not too distant future our congregation will be voting on the issue of announcing our ONA (Open and Affirming) status. A few weeks ago, Pastor Phil spoke to the importance of making an informed decision on the issue and that the best way (the only way?) to be truly informed is to attend scheduled ONA events. I am writing to invite everyone, EVERYONE, to attend our next event on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at PMC, but first I'd like to share the responses of a few of those who attended the initial ONA events.

Our first event was a viewing of the documentary "A Fish Out of Water" which addresses how the Bible addresses issues related to homosexuality. At our next event we hosted church members and clergy of UCC churches that have already declared to be ONA. As important as the valuable information provided by the film regarding Biblical content, and by those on the panel, relating first hand experiences of the process, were the comments from members of our congregation during the Q and A and discussions.

There was a general sense of appreciation for the openness of the discussion and for the knowledge that both presentations provided. There was the expression of confidence gained in the ability to discuss these issues after learning more about what the Bible has to say, and the ONA journey other congregations have made. But to me, the most significant statement was that more people needed to be present to hear the messages, to become more aware and more informed on what ONA is really all about.

So here is your opportunity. On Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> the ONA committee is sponsoring an event which will focus on homelessness and youth and their inclusion in the concept of open and affirming. We anticipate our discussion to be led by representatives from Night Ministries sharing their first hand experiences in assisting the homeless, and youth in crisis. The event will begin shortly after service on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving food and refreshments (pizza anyone?). PLEASE join us for the program and the discussion to follow.

## May Messenger Deadline

Articles and news for the May issue of *The Messenger* are due into the office by Monday, April 15th. The issue will be available for pickup on Sunday, April 28th.



**Blessed is the  
one who comes  
in the name  
of the LORD.**

Psalm 118.26



## EASTER EGG HUNT

*Easter Sunday, April 21st after Worship*

*The egg hunt will take place on the lawn outside the Family Life Center.*

*The year the eggs will be already filled with small goodies.*

*Please bring a basket or bag with you to collect eggs.*

*There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex so the Easter Bunny knows how many eggs to leave. Please list names and ages.*

*Age is limited to 11 and under.*

*See Laura Haase for more information or to sign up.*







## New Tradition Chorus Spring Show to be “Little bit Country, Little bit Rock-N-Roll” With Special Guest

**the 2018 International Silver Medalist Group, Signature**

On Saturday, May 18th and Sunday May 19, at 2:30 p.m. the New Tradition a cappella Chorus will feature the music of The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Willie Nelson and more. The performances take place at Glenbrook South High School in the Watson Auditorium, 4000 W. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL

Cost is \$19 until April 17th, then the price goes to \$22 through the dates of the show.

For tickets call 800-746-9246 or go online at [newtradition.tix.com](http://newtradition.tix.com). If anyone would like to go as a group please contact Russell Hook at 901-289-0861 and he will order seats together and if people are interested in going out to eat afterwards that could be organized





### **Want to Lose the Weight?**

Of unwanted things around your house?

Bring them in during March for the

**Please—flat screen tv's only**

**Rummage Sale!**

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 9 - 3 PM**

Set up: April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday - Friday 10am – 3 pm

Stop by for a few hours during those times.

All help is welcome to help make it a success!

Youth are welcome to earn service hours for helping.

Contact Gaile Sprissler to help.

## **Summer Camp Programs At Tower Hill**

Registration forms for Summer Camp at Tower Hill or Pilgrim Park for Youth and Adults can be found on line at

[www.il-outdoorministries.org](http://www.il-outdoorministries.org).

Godstock Camp, (\$373.00) directed by Dennis Kirscher is July 14-20 at Tower Hill and Tenderfoot (cost \$164.00), ages K-2nd Grade with Cindy White is July 18-20. Grandparent Camp at Tower Hill is either June 13-15 or 17-19 and is \$165.00 for the first adult and \$100.00 for the first child and additional children \$75.00.

Peace Memorial Church helps to underwrite part of the cost of camp each year for church members. There are many other camps available throughout the summer.

Registration forms are also available at the Information Desk and in the Church Office.

# **Community Dinner**

**Come to the Table!!**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 18th @ 6 PM**



Maundy Thursday is the day we gather to worship in remembrance of the night Jesus gathered around the table in an upper room to break bread with his friends.

This Maundy Thursday, you are invited

to join us at the table for a soup and salad dinner prior to our time of worship.

We will gather for fellowship and reflection as we come to the family table of God.

**Please Sign-up at the Peace Café by Sunday, April 14th**

**April 2**

Sarah Freund

**April 4**

Donald Hummel  
Mark Rimkus  
Stacey Swieringa  
William Vanderbilt

**April 5**

Judy Jones  
Christopher Schneider  
Lillian Zikmund

**April 7**

Leah Delejewski

**April 12**

Barbara Cox  
Elizabeth Oremovich  
Lori Rudnicki

**April 13**

Thomas Bockmann  
Carol Baumler  
Eric Miulli  
John Robbins  
Sydney Wasyliv

**April 16**

Joseph Graben  
Cassidy Medyk  
James Murray

**April 17**

Gail Jefchak  
Deborah Jerry  
Darlene Trent

**April 18**

Whitney Gehrs  
Phyllis Karner  
Bradley Nolan  
Larry Ostrowski Jr.  
William Smolik

**April 20**

Emily Hoefler

**April 21**

Halle Swieringa

**April 24**

Maria Nestor  
Brett Nolan

**April 25**

Paul Gross

**April 26**

Henry Freund  
Elliot Hevel

**April 27**

Marsha Bockmann  
Ruth Drobitch  
Margaret Unger

**April 28**

Beverly Wehofer

**April 29**

Edward Baker



## Finals Care Packages for College Students

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee is collecting items for care packages we will be sending to our college students the week of April 15th. We are collecting the kind of items listed below. You may also donate cash to help us purchase items and pay for postage.

Plastic Water Bottles, Hard Candy, Chocolate,  
Granola Bars, Gum, Pens & Highlighters,  
Baked Homemade Treats, Aspirin, Tums, Easy Mac,  
Flavored Energy Water Enhancers, Ramen Noodles (Cup)




**Bring Items to Peace Café**

**ALL ITEMS DUE BY**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH!**



# April 2019

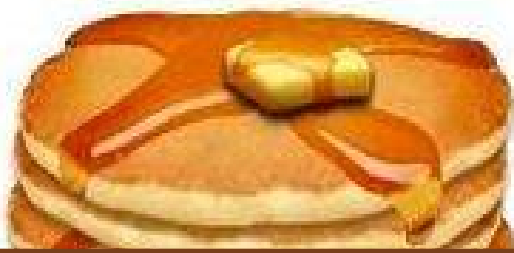
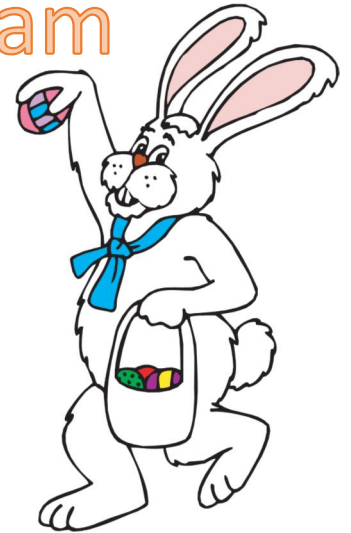
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1       7 pm Residence Board	2  <b>Election Day</b>	3  Rummage Sale Setup  7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters	4  Rummage Sale Set up    7 pm Choir	5  Rummage Sale Set up	6  9—3 p.m. Rummage Sale
7  8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship; Communion 9:45 am NO Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship ONA Meeting	8	9	10  7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters 11 am Worship Committee 1 pm PADS	11  7 pm Choir	12	13  7—11 am Pancake Breakfast
14 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 	15  <b>May Messenger Deadline</b>	16  7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group	17  7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters   7 pm Trustees	18  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  6:00 pm Dinner Come to the Table 7:30 pm Worship; Communion 8:30 pm Choir	19  <b>Good Friday</b> 7:30 pm Worship 	20
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28 <b>Messenger Pickup</b> 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11 am Mission and Outreach meeting	29	30  11 am Bible Study Peace Village				

# Peace Memorial Church All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday April 13, 2019 7-11am

**Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and  
a visit from the EASTER BUNNY!!**

Tickets can be purchased in Zion Hall after  
worship, in the church office, or at the door.



**Adults: \$8  
At the door \$10  
Children (4-10): \$5  
At the door \$6  
3 and under: Free**

**There will also be a  
basket raffle and 50/50  
opportunity. Donation to  
the Palos Fire  
Department and the  
rest of the proceeds to  
benefit Christian  
Education**

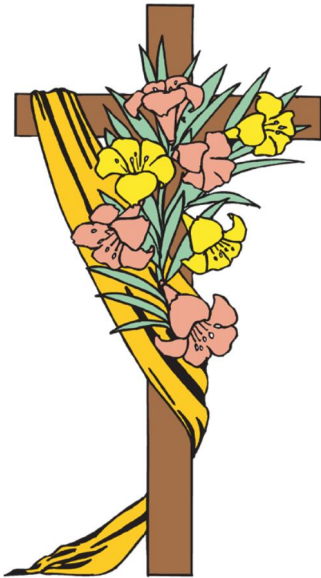
**Peace Memorial Church  
708-448-7833  
10300 W. 131st Street  
Palos Park, IL**

# Our Members And Friends Funeral

- Elna Fudacz, nee Bouton, passed away February 23, 2019

## Wedding

**March 2, 2019**—Carolyn Walker and Dustin Balduff



## Camp Scholarship Fund



## April Mission Focus

**By Dennis Kirscher**

If you could give a child the opportunity to have a life-changing experience, wouldn't you jump at that chance? If you answered yes, let me tell you how to be a hero to one of PMC's youngsters. For the month of April, all donations from the pink mission envelopes you'll find in your Sunday bulletin and in the pews will be placed in the Camp Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial assistance to our young people who attend camps at Tower Hill and Pilgrim Park. As a director for Godstock, a week-long camp at Tower Hill in Sawyer Michigan, I have had campers tell me that coming to camp is truly a life changing experience.

Please help to grow the Camp Scholarship Fund with your pink mission envelope donation in April.

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