



"Growing Together in Peace"

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Peace Memorial Welcomes Pastor Jed C. Watson and Wife Susan

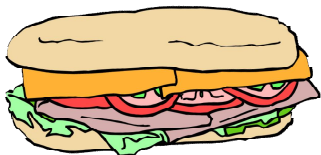
On Sunday, January 6th Pastor Jed Watson participated in the morning worship service and gave the sermon. Following the service a special congregational meeting was called to vote on the search committee's recommendation to elect Rev. Watson as our next Senior Pastor.

The search for a senior pastor started over three years ago. Multiple candidates were interviewed. The Search committee felt unanimously that he was the candidate that Peace Memorial needed. Pastor Watson will begin at Peace Memorial sometime in April.



Super Bowl Subs and Bake Sale

The PMC Youth and Children's Ministries Sub and Bake Sale Fundraiser is Sunday, February 3rd— Super Bowl Sunday. This year the youth and Christian Education Children and parents are partnering again with Firehouse Subs. Order forms are available in the Church Office and in Zion Hall



on Sunday mornings at the Youth table or from any youth or child. If you pre-ordered sub sandwiches pick up will be in Zion Hall after Church on February 3rd. 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 benefit the PMC Youth and Children's ministries. Please help support these programs at Peace Memorial even if you are not a football fan!!! (The commercials are always fun.)

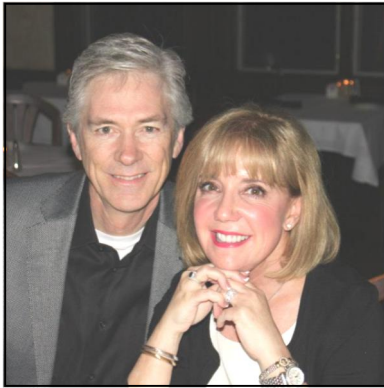
**Semi Annual
Congregational Meeting
Peace Memorial Church
March 17, 2019**



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

Almost there!!!

By Reverend Philip Price, Interim Senior Pastor



We are not at the finish line yet, but we can see it from here!

Yes, it may have felt that we have been running a marathon where the finish line kept getting pushed further and further out, but, we now have called the next Senior Pastor of Peace Memorial Church UCC and we have an arrival date.

This time of waiting is different than the previous time of waiting because there are fewer unknowns. Most of you have met Rev. Watson and his wife Susan. They have already felt the glow of your warm welcome and are excited to start a new chapter in their lives with you. You have heard him preach and have felt

the uneasiness of unknowns being replaced with feelings of connection and anticipations of knowing and being known.

That Rev. Jed Watson will be the next Senior Pastor of Peace is now a given. What remains to be known and experienced is how will he be a pastor to you. It is both a corporate and a personal relationship. The Search Committee has researched and discerned that he is a skilled, competent and experienced minister. That is the corporate aspect of ministry. The personal aspect is, “what relationship do you as an individual want to have with him?” Yes, he will be the Pastor of Peace Memorial, but will you invite him to be your pastor? Will you allow him into that sacred place where he knows your fears, insecurities, hopes, and brokenness? Will you allow him to be a guide that nurtures you on your pathway of spiritual growth? This aspect is really up to you. He cannot force this aspect. It is only by invitation that one can become a pastor to someone. It is my hope and encouragement that you invite him to not just be the Pastor of Peace Memorial but into that sacred circle, that holy ground of personal spiritual growth where he becomes YOUR pastor.

Please pray for Jed and Susan as they prepare for this next exciting chapter in their lives and in the life and ministry of Peace Memorial Church UCC!

Blessings,
Phil

Lenten Prayer Partners



For the purpose of both getting to know fellow church members better and growing spiritually during the Lenten season the Lenten Prayer Partner program will again be offered.

Those wanting to participate will be asked to fill out a form which can be found in the narthex on the Butterfly Buddy/Prayer Partner table in the narthex and then place it in the return basket by February 24th. You will then be paired up with someone. You will be asked to pray for


that person and someone will be chosen to pray for you. The forms can be placed in an envelope and placed in the basket. On Sunday, March 3 you will be given an envelope with information for the person you will be praying for. Your Prayer Partner will be revealed at the Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 21st.



Heart Healthy Cereals

Good news for cereal eaters: Eating enough whole grains and cereal fibers may reduce your risk of early death, mostly due to illnesses like diabetes, cancer, and respiratory disease, reports [a new study](#) in *BMC Medicine*.

General Mills Cheerios - Not all cereals from your childhood are bad: These o's are actually from whole grain oats. There is added sugar, but it only weighs in at one gram a bowl. Eat up!


 **Kashi Honey Puffs** - Made from whole wheat, rice, oats, barley, rye, and buckwheat, this cereal is packed with almost half of your daily-recommended servings of whole grains.

18 Rabbits Felicitas Granola - This whole-rolled-oats-based granola is nut-free and sweetened with maple syrup, Bing cherries, and vanilla.

General Mills Fiber One - Not only is this cereal made from whole grain wheat, it also offers over half your daily fiber recommendation. Plus, it has zero grams of sugar.

Ezekiel 4:9 Sprouted Whole Grain Cereal, Golden Flax - One of the least processed cereals, it packs a number of whole grains, from sprouted wheat to sprouted lentils. It has 8 grams of protein, no sugar.

Post Grape Nuts - It may be a classic, but Grape Nuts' are made from whole grain wheat flour, and a single bowl doesn't overload you with sugar like most other cereals.

 **Kellogg Special K Protein** - Not only is Special K a great source of whole grains, but this bowl also boasts 10 grams of protein—without even factoring in the milk.

Nature's Path Millet Rice - This array of whole grains (including oats, brown rice, and millet) is sweetened with fruit juice for a little more deliciousness.

Alpen No Sugar Added - This muesli is packed with whole wheat and rolled oats, then topped with raisins and nuts for a sweet-and-crunchy healthy finish.

Cascadian Farm Hearty Morning - With whole grain wheat flakes, granola clusters made from whole grain oats, and crunchy bran, this cereal is a bowl full of fiber and whole grains.



Community Garden Update

It will get warm, maybe, we hope! The calendar indicates spring will begin on March 20th.

This year like our previous growing season we will offer a limited

number of cedar raised garden beds to church members. As a reminder, the Community Garden team has announced March 1st as the start date to reserve your garden bed. Like previous years the cost for the upcoming growing season beginning April 1st will be \$15 (2' x 8') or \$30 (4' x 8'). To reserve your bed please stop by or call the office. We offer these beds on a first come first serve basis. To learn about early spring planting Like Us on the community Garden Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/PMCGarden> or email us at CommunityGarden@pmc.org



Mission and Spiritual Care Committee

February, the month of hearts and love, is also heart healthy month. From transporting oxygen to keeping your immune system healthy, your heart is responsible for just about everything that gives your body life, so we will be collecting heart healthy cereals for those in need. We are asking that you consider yourself and your family's heart and health and purchase healthy for them too, when you purchase cereals to donate.

As you know, the Mission Committee each month selects a need within our church or our community, and you generously give of your support. We have designated Hunger as the mission focus for February. Included in the February 10th bulletin will be our Monthly Mission Envelope; the monies collected this month will go to support hunger ministries. The pink Mission envelopes are also in the pew rack every week.

For many Americans hunger is a reality. More that 12 million families in American struggle with hunger. These are often hardworking families who simply cannot make ends meet and are forced to make difficult choices between paying for food, utilities, transportation, medical care and housing.

If you are looking for someplace to give during the cold winter months, consider donating to this important mission by using the envelope found in your worship bulletin and in the pew racks.

(See the list of heart healthy cereals on page 3.)

**Protect the health of yourself, your loved ones, and
Your community. Eat & donate heart healthy foods.**

The Sin of Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

END OF YEAR

GIVING STATEMENTS

2018 Statements Of Giving

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

Oktoberfest

The final accounting for the Oktoberfest was a profit of \$2,001.58. Thank you all again for all the assistance and support making Oktoberfest successful. Please mark your calendar for this year's Oktoberfest, on Friday, October 4, 2019.



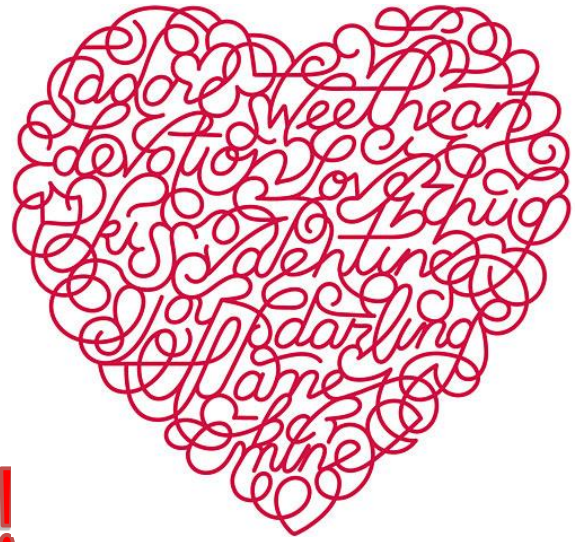
Communion Services

March 6, 2019

**11 a.m.—Fireside
Chapel**

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

**Want to have some
Valentine Joy? Join
us for a nice evening of
friendship, food and fun!**



**Peace Memorial Church
Friday, February 15, 2019
6:30 pm Appetizers
7:30 pm Dinner & Fun!**

**Invite your friends to join us!
Tickets available at the
Cafe \$10.00 per person.**

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



**Please contact
Kathi Graben for
more information**

BUTTERFLY BUDDY:

A Great Way For Children, Youth and Adults to Get to Know Each Other

During the Lenten season, the Sunday School will be sponsoring a Butterfly Buddy (Secret Pal) and we hope that as many of you as possible will participate. Forms will be available on the Butterfly Buddy/Prayer Partner table in the narthex.

Having a Butterfly Buddy (Secret Pal) is a fun way for children, adults and youth to get to know each other and for all of us to be reminded how special we are!

BUTTERFLY BUDDY GUIDELINES

Each participant will complete a participant interest form and submit it to the church office by no later than Sunday, February 24th and he/she will then be matched up with another person. (Children and Youth will be matched up with Adults and Adults will be matched up with Children and Youth...but the fun part is that the person you have will not necessarily have you.)

Each participant will get an interest form of their Butterfly Buddy (Secret Pal). There will be a Butterfly Buddy table in the narthex during the Lenten season. Participants will exchange small, thoughtful items or card each Sunday morning. (March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14)

On Sunday, March 3, names of the Butterfly Buddies will be ready for pick up in the narthex and the exchanging of notes & gifts will begin on Sunday, March 10. The Butterfly Buddy program will conclude on Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 21) when all the Butterfly Buddies (Secret Pals) will be revealed at the Easter breakfast!

These items should be wrapped or put in a gift bag with the recipients name and should take into consideration the interest indicated on the interest form. Remember do not sign your name, but feel free to give your Butterfly Buddy a clue each week about you.

Cards can be bought or handmade. Gift items should be relatively inexpensive and can be new "dollar store" items or handmade items. As a general rule do not plan to spend more than a dollar or two each week.

If you plan to be gone a Sunday, please make arrangements to have something for your Butterfly Buddy the week you are gone.

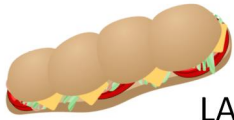
A bigger, final gift can be given to your Butterfly Buddy (Secret Pal) at the big reveal at the Easter breakfast.

If you have any questions about the Butterfly Buddy (Secret Pal) program, please feel free to talk to Pam Cornyn or a Sunday School teacher.

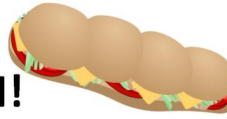
Christian Education Corner

SUPERBOWL SUBS

Help support the youth and children's ministries of PMC!
Order subs for Super Bowl Sunday!



\$7 PER SANDWICH!



LAST DAY TO ORDER -- January 27th!

Sub pick-up and Bake Sale will be after worship in Zion Hall on February 3rd. There will also be extra subs for sale.

PLEASE BRING BAKED GOODS TO HELP WITH OUR BAKE SALE ON FEBRUARY 3rd!



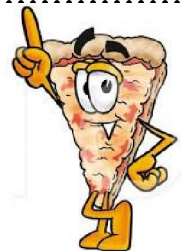
The first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday.

The rest of the month Sunday school begins following "Children's Time" in worship. Grades K-6.



March 8—Game Night

It is that time of the year again. Christian education will be having their annual all church Game Night. This year they will be doing something new to include everyone who has showed up. We are going to do bingo. So please, anyone who would like to donate little prizes for bingo can contact Laura Haase. We will also again this year be doing the make your own pizza. This year we will be including a gluten free option. So when you rsvp, please make sure you let us know gluten free or not. This is an all ages event so please bring a friend and your favorite game and come and enjoy the night. We will also be making this event free but will have a free will donation. All rsvp's are due by March 1st. Please rsvp to Laura Haase, either by email lhaase.lh@gmail.com or her cell phone 708-935-2370 by March 1, 2019.





Worth Township

To our friends at Peace

Memorial Church,

On behalf of Supervisor John O'Sullivan and the elected officials of Worth Township, the General Assistance Office would like to thank the congregation of Peace Memorial Church for its recent donation of food to the Worth Township Food Pantry. How thoughtful of the church to have a holiday food drive that helped support our pantry so that those less fortunate would have food for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your commitment to end hunger in our community and for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.



Mark Your Calendar
Next Rummage Sale
Saturday, April 6th

Messenger Deadline

The deadline for articles for the March issue of the *Messenger* is **Monday, February 11th**. The issue will be available for pickup on Sunday, February 24th.



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Diane Oremovich. . . Administrator Circle Inn

LUCKY LEPRECHAUN GAME NIGHT



**Friday,
March 8, 2019
6:30 PM
ALL ARE**



WELCOME!



**RSVP BY MARCH 1
TO LAURA HAASE**



**Peace Memorial Church UCC
Phone: 708-448-7833**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC) INFO:

In 1858, UCC forebear the Rev. Louis Edward Nollau appealed to his congregation (today [St. Peter's UCC](#) in Ferguson, Mo.) for money to build a home to support young children orphaned by a cholera epidemic. Today, as [Every Child's Hope](#), that home still serves the changing needs of children. The call to serve others in health and human services carries on today through the UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries. Often founded by local UCC congregations, these CHHSM members include more than 400 health care centers; affordable housing and retirement communities; homeless shelters; service centers for children, youth and families; care agencies for people with developmental disabilities; and acute care hospitals. (Advocate Health Care here in the Chicago area is a member of CHHSM, as well as several affordable housing communities and children, youth and families service agencies.)

“I believe the interaction between CHHSM ministries and local churches is important because it reminds church members that as the body of Christ, we have the responsibility of engaging in the healing and caring ministry of Christ as reflected in his years on earth,” says the Rev. Laverne Joseph, CEO of [Retirement Housing Foundation](#), one of the nation's largest nonprofit providers of housing and services for older adults, low-income families and persons with disabilities. “It also reminds CHHSM members that we do so not for our personal gain or glory, but because we want to imitate Jesus and help persons experience abundant life. We are the Church.”

“It's often easy to forget that CHHSM ministries are, first and foremost, faith-based agencies,” says Kyle Zanker, chief development officer at [Crossroad Child and Family Services](#) in Fort Wayne, Ind. So partnerships between local churches and CHHSM members are invaluable. “Every time I speak at a church, something happens,” Zanker says. “When you share your story with a congregation, it becomes real to them.”




“Not only do CHHSM ministries provide health care and human services; they also advocate for the people they serve,” says Michael J. Readinger, CHHSM president and CEO. An example of that advocacy is a resolution CHHSM will bring to the UCC's biennial General Synod this summer calling on UCC members to advocate for better access to treatment of opioid addiction, and to call attention to how pharmaceutical companies have contributed to the problem.

For the Rev. Kenneth Daniel, president and CEO of [United Church Homes](#) and its network of retirement communities across the country, the relationship between local churches and United Church Homes is essential. “Our church relationship is critical to our effectiveness in fulfilling our mission,” Daniel says. “The more our congregations understand about the scope of services and ministries that United Church Homes provides, the more they can see their extended mission efforts in action.” Daniel sees the local church-CHHSM member relationship as just one part of the larger UCC covenant of ministries. He uses United Church Homes as an example. “UCH was founded by congregations. Through prayer, volunteers, financial contribution, and board involvement, our churches continue to support UCH's mission and ministries,” says Daniel. “And UCH is a component of our denomination's national and global health and human service legacy embodied by all our CHHSM members. As our pastors and churches understand these relationships, the more our members can appreciate the scope and scale of how their shared ministries have grown over time.” Readinger concurs. “CHHSM ministries are not an 'extension' of the church,” he says. “We are the church in action, and our bold witness is the bold witness of the whole church as together we create a just, caring and compassionate world for all.” (You can learn more about CHHSM at www.chhsm.org.)



February 2019



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Birthday Greetings

February, 2019

February 2

Joanne Bockmann

February 3

James Dorencz

Gail Korbitz

Rebecca Mishler

February 4

Joey Sciacchitano

February 6

Elaina Johnson

Ronald Rudnicki

Ellen Swenson

February 7

Jean Buck

Kenneth Miller, Jr.

Adam White

February 8

Charlotte Sommerfeld

February 11

Judy Dagys

Cody White

February 13

Abigail Finn

February 14

Josephine Kujawa

Joan Frase

Terryn Ostrowski

February 15

Eileen Hutchinson

Barbara Kamper

Dorothy Menker

February 20

Eleanor Cochonour

Georgene Corbitt

February 22

Florence Burger

February 24

George Macauley

Nathan Wrublik

Bettejane Jaeger

Hanna Johnson

February 25

George Holmes

February 26

Emily Freund

Janet Hansen

February 27

Christine Ferrantelli

Rose Signore

February 28

Cheryl Channic

