



March, 2019

Messenger of Peace

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"Growing Together in Peace"

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting Peace Memorial Church March 17, 2019

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



Communion Services

March 6, 2019
11 a.m.—Fireside
Chapel
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

**Daylight Savings Time
Begins**
Sunday, March 10th
**Be sure to set your
clocks ahead one hour**



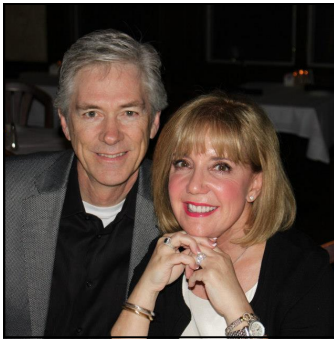
Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Phil and Vicki

Sunday, March 24th will be Pastor Phil's last Sunday with us at Peace Memorial Church. Please help us celebrate his time that he has spent with us. We will be celebrating with a Pot Luck Luncheon with the church furnishing chicken from Heine McCarthy's. Pasta, rolls, dessert and beverages will also be provided by the church. Everyone is being asked to please bring a hot or cold side dish. Sign up forms will be available in the narthex and also sign-up sheets to help with set-up, serving and clean up. If anyone has any questions, please contact Pam Cornyn at 815-838-6774.



The Journey Continues

By Rev. Philip Price, Interim Senior Pastor



So many thoughts and feelings as I write what will be my last article for the Messenger.

What a strange mix of sadness, gratitude, anxiety and hope.

It has been quite a journey!

You have welcomed Vicki and I so warmly and generously into your hearts, homes, lives and church. We have done the work of listening to each other as we remembered where we have come from and shared dreams of what the future might be. We have done the work of faithfulness during the “in-between time” maintaining the mission, ministry and worship life of the church. We have baptized, confirmed, married, and blessed loved ones on their way to eternal rest. We have studied and held the Bible as a light to shine on present day challenges and struggles.

You are a cherished part of the story of my ministry and I am honored to be a part of the ministry story of Peace Memorial.

Dream boldly, love passionately, work tirelessly, and play with delight. When there are differences, speak with kindness and listen fervently. Where there is need, spend yourself generously for the furtherance of the gospel!

In saying good-bye, I ask for two things. Forgiveness - for things done that would have been better left undone, and for those undone things that should have been done. Prayer - that I will be accepted in a new place of ministry where my ministry gifts can make a difference and bring blessing.

With much love, affection, and deep appreciation,

Pastor Phil

Peace Teddy Bear Ministry

The ‘Peace Bear’ program continues successfully thanks to those of you who help the family grow with donations of new ‘bear buddies’ and those volunteers who add the labels, etc. These little guys sit with us for worship service, hear the Word and praises to God in our hymns and anthems, then are given by you, our ambassadors from PMC, to others you know in the community as well as our own members that cannot always be with us but are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Please remember your friends and neighbors that may need a ‘pick-me-up’ or some words of encouragement as they are enduring a stressful time in their lives with a friendly visit from one of our ‘bear family’.

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship and Outreach committee in their efforts to reach out to our church members and community with this beloved program.





One Great Hour Of Sharing March 31st Focus for March Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development actions.

In a world where communities are being displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disasters, the Church is called to reclaim the spiritual discipline of solidarity. As natural, economic, and political forces disrupt and uproot communities, the Church is called to stand in solidarity with those who seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement toward a promise of healing and peace.

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we, as the body of Christ, have opportunity and power to help those who are living in despair as refugees. If refugees had the choice to return home, many would not have a place to return because their home most likely as been destroyed—either burned, severely damaged, or is still an unsafe place to live.

This year as you consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, for one moment, think of what it would be like to not have a place to call home, and then make your very best gift.

Mission Committee Needs Your Donations

The Mission Committee is providing a new ongoing way to be of service. Bring in your travel-size toiletries to be given for those in need of them. This includes items such as: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, handwipes, self-wipes, moisturizer and hand cream. A basket will be placed on the Information Desk to hold all items as they are brought in weekly. These will then be donated frequently to various groups or causes. All of these types of items are necessary and greatly appreciated by those we serve. We are now increasing our assistance for this need. Thank you on their behalf.



Easter Lilies and Memorials

Easter lilies are available to order through the church office that will be placed around the altar on Easter morning. The cost is \$13.00 and includes foil wrapping and a bow. The pink forms for ordering may be found in the church office or on the Information Counter in the Narthex. Lily orders are due to the office by March 31st with payment.



Easter memorials need to be into the church office by Sunday, April 14th to be included in the Easter program.



Community Garden

This year like our previous growing season a limited number of cedar raised garden beds will be offered to church members. Beds are now available 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

Message from Pastor Jed

February 11, 2019

Friends:

As I sit down to write my first newsletter article for the members and friends of Peace Memorial UCC, I find myself in a period of transition. On one hand I'm focused on finishing my current ministry strong; on the other, I'm very excited to begin work as your new settled pastor in April. There's much to do during this strange in-between time: put a house up for sale; find a temporary residence and begin moving in; and, most importantly, being supportive of my wife, Sue, as she seeks out new employment opportunities in the southwest suburbs.



Still, I'm very glad that the congregation invited me to send this letter now. Your interim pastor, Phil Price, has been extraordinarily helpful to me as I've started looking forward to the future, meeting with me on several occasions and responding to emails and text messages on a variety of topics. He has also been instrumental in planning a series of small group meetings that will take place shortly after my arrival. As I see it, the most important thing I'll do early on in my tenure is getting to know you and beginning the process of building healthy pastoral relationships with everyone. Through these meetings and other opportunities, I also hope to get a sense of where we might begin heading once we get moving into high gear. I'm very much looking forward to the time when we can begin our shared visioning for the future!

For now, what I want to do more than anything else is share my overwhelming sense of gratitude. I felt very welcome among the Peace Memorial Church community during my candidating day on January 6. You received Sue and me graciously, and we left feeling like we'd made the right decision. The group hug I got from the young ones after the children's sermon is something I'll never forget! Thanks to the church leadership and staff for making me feel comfortable during our get-together on January 5. And special thanks and gratitude go to all the members of the Search Committee and their extraordinary leader, Linnea Rimkus. It was a joy to work with them.

While nobody planned it this way, it turns out my first week as your pastor will be Holy Week! At first blush that seems rather daunting, but as I think about it, that may actually be the perfect week to get started – there will be lots of opportunities to get to know the community in worship. I'll be ready to go! Hopefully by then the Earth will start bringing forth new life even as Peace Memorial Church begins a new chapter of its history.

See you soon!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Jed Watson

THANK YOU!
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The PMC Youth Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Super Bowl Sub and Bake Sale Fundraiser. The total profit was over \$1700!! Youth and adults came out early on Super Bowl Sunday to put together over 240 sub sandwiches! Thank you to Fire House Sub for partnering with us again this year and a special thank you to Karen Signore and Tracey Signore for all their help in organizing! Thanks to all who helped sell subs, make subs, baked for our bake sale, and helped us in many other ways! It wouldn't be a success without you.



March 3	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
March 8	Game and Pizza Night
March 10	Sunday School
March 17	Sunday School
March 24	Sunday School
March 31	Sunday School

LUCKY LEPRECHAUN GAME NIGHT



Friday, March 8, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring a friend or maybe three!

Bring your favorite game, too!

Free will donations will be collected.

RSVP to Laura Haase, 708-935-2370 by March 4th.



RUMMAGE SALE

Want to Lose the Weight?
Of unwanted things around your house?
Bring them in during March for the

Rummage Sale!
Saturday, April 6th 9 - 3 PM

Set up: April 3rd – 5th
Wednesday - Friday 10am – 3 pm
Stop by for a few hours during those times.
All help is welcome to help make it a success!

Coffee Hour Sponsorship



If you are interested in sponsoring coffee hour in honor of a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, renewed health etc.) or in memory of someone, please contact a member of the fellowship committee. The cost is \$100.00.

Sponsorship includes choice (or combination) of coffee cakes, doughnuts, bagels, muffins or cake; cost of the coffee, coffee cups and condiments, plates, plasticware and a special sign designating what the occasion is.



Goodies at the bake sale held on Superbowl Sunday.



Bake Sale ladies, from left to right, Sandy Hecker, Gaile Sprissler and Sarah Hecker



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SPEAKERS FORUM



Environmental Stewardship in Our Faith

Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives

DATE:

Sunday March 17, 2019

TIME:

Registration 2:30pm

Program 3:00pm-6:00pm

LOCATION:

The Episcopal Church
of St. John the Evangelist
2640 Park Drive
Flossmoor IL 60422

**SUNDAY,
MARCH
17**

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Lynne Muhammad
Muslim Perspective

Scott Onque'
Christian Perspective

Rabbi Michael Zedek
Jewish Perspective

~ DONATION DRIVE ~

Bring along a non-perishable food item to donate to Respond Now

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Holy Week Schedule 2019

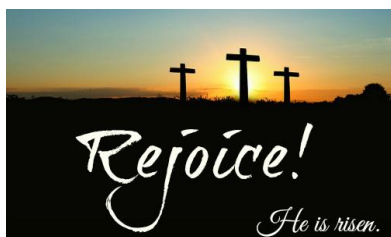
April 14—Palm Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship



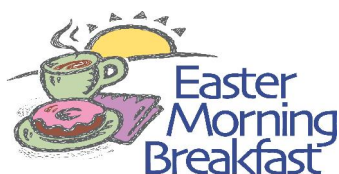
April 18 -Maundy Thursday
Communion
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary



April 19—Good Friday
Tennebrae
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary



April 21—Easter
8:00 a.m. Breakfast



9:30 a.m. Worship



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10300 West 131st Street
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Messenger Deadline

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



March 31

Peace Memorial Church

10300 West 131st Street,
Palos Park, IL 60464
Phone (708) 448-7833
FAX (708) 448-0824
www.pmcucc.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Church School 9:45 a.m.

Rev. Philip Price.Interim Senior Pastor
Robert Mohr.Director of Music Ministry
Tom Osborne.Organist
Director
Pamela Kuelto.Office Manager/
Editor
April KrzeczowskiFinancial &
Record Keeping Secretary

Peace Memorial Residences

3200 W. 101st Street
Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Peace Village

10300 Village Circle Drive
Palos Park, IL 60464-2666
(708) 361-6091

Linda BeushausenExecutive Director

Peace Village Circle Inn


(708) 671-2470

Diane OremovichAdministrator



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	2 4 pm Wedding Baldaffi/Walker
3 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am worship, communion NO Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship	4	5 11 am Bible Study, Peace Village	6 Ash Wednesday 7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters 11 am Worship Communion, ashes, Fireside 2 pm Worship, ashes, Peace Village 7:30 pm Worship; Ashes, Communion	7 7 pm Choir 7 pm Foundation	8  6:30 pm Christian Ed. Game Night & Pizza 	9
10 Butterfly Buddies Begins 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am worship 9:45 am Sun. School 10:30 am Mission committee 10:30 am Fellowship	11  Messenger Deadline for April	12 11 am Bible Study, Peace Village	13 7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters 11 Worship Committee 12:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Lounge 1:00 pm PADS 6:30 pm BUNCO	14 7 pm Choir	15	16
17 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Annual meeting followed by coffee and fellowship	18	19 11 am Bible Study, Peace Village 7 p.m. Alzheimer's Support	20 7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters; Messenger Helpers 12:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Lounge 7 pm Trustees	21 7 pm Choir	22	23
24 Pastor Phil's Last Sunday Messenger Pickup 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Potluck Luncheon	25	26 11 am Bible Study, Peace Village	27 7 am Volunteers 9 am Crafters 12:30 pm Bible Study, Peace Lounge	28 7 pm Choir	29	30
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March 3

Julie Sersland

March 4

Christopher Stille

March 9

Susan Bugajsky

Egon Menker

Richard Schultz

March 10

Lawrence Loussaert

Leon Rinehart

March 11

Jim Hevel

March 12

Joseph Spoors

March 13

William Denton

Logan Przybylski

March 15

Daria Baker

March 18

Barbara O'Connell

William Trent

March 19

Matthew Freund

March 21

Laura Haase

March 25

Thomas Delejewski

Edward Polzin, Sr.

March 27

Lily Finn

March 29

Louise Boone

March 31

Pamela Cornyn

Lillian Matkovich

Louise Swannie



Happy Birthday