



May 2019

Messenger of Peace

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"Growing Together in Peace"



Grand Prairie Singers to Present Concert May 19

The Grand Prairie Singers, the oldest performing choral group in the region, will close its gala 43rd season of bringing song to the southland, with a concert of hidden gems of music by American composers at Peace Memorial Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 19th. Included in the concert are songs written for or expressly arranged for the group.

Founded in 1977 as the Park Forest Singers, the group has, over the years, established a reputation of excellence in their effort to live up to their mission statement of "sharing our passion for singing."

Led by Artistic Director Jo Rodenburg, the Singers have, in recent years, performed with both the Illinois Philharmonic and Southwest Suburban Symphony orchestras and was inducted into the Park Forest Hall of Fame in 2016.

As part of its commitment to music, the smaller concert choir of the Grand Prairie Singers will showcase some of its selections in a free mini-concert at Peace Memorial Church around 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5. In addition all members of the Peace Memorial Church congregation will be offered a \$2 discount on the \$15 advance ticket sale for the May 19 concert.

The not-for-profit Grande Prairie Choral Arts is the umbrella organization for both the Grand Prairie Singers and the Grande Prairie Children's Choir, which offers music education and performance venues for youths in the south suburbs.

Getting to Know Each Other



Friends:

Fresh off my first week as pastor of Peace Memorial UCC (and a snowy Palm Sunday), I'm feeling happy and grateful to be among you. Thank you for your gracious welcome and your warm embrace. I'm very excited about moving forward and finding the right groove for our new, shared ministry!

Probably the most important thing I'll do in the next couple of months is get to know you all better. To that end, Pam Cornyn and others have planned a series of 'meet and greet' get-togethers over the next several weeks. These will offer a great opportunity for me to begin associating names with faces and to hear your expectations and dreams for the future. I cordially everyone to participate. There are times during the day, at night, on weeknights and weekends. You will find sign-up sheets in the gathering space by the sanctuary.

In the meantime, my office telephone line and voicemail are set up, and you can email me at pastorjed@pmcucc.org. Also, I'm on Facebook and invite you to 'friend' me if you'd like.

Looking forward to a bright new future!

Peace and Love,

Pastor Jed



Pastor Jed at the Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast talking with Mary Lou Skala and granddaughter and husband Lindsey and Ian Roseen.



Small Group Sign Up Sheets

Located in the narthex is a table that has sign up sheets to attend a 2 hour small group “meet and greet” get-together with Pastor Jed. This way he can get to know more people and the history and happenings that are important to our congregation here at Peace Memorial Church. Meetings are limited to 10 people and will be held in Peace Lounge. There are times during the day, at night, on weeknights and weekends. There will be someone from each meeting that will be a host to make sure the meeting stays on track. If you are not able to make any of these due to the times of the meetings – please let one of the Trustees know so they can work with Pastor Jed to see if there is another time that they need to make available if there is enough interest in a different evening or time.

A Good Turn Daily

Each of us is more than capable of helping the world, despite our fears and limitations and the uncertainty that holds us back. We commonly believe that it is impossible to make a difference without unlimited funding or free time, yet most healing, cleansing, and spreading of joy is accomplished in a matter of minutes. We can be of service without dedicating our lives to recognized charities or giving up the pleasures we enjoy. The warmth we feel when we help is only a tiny part of the affirmative changes that take place when we make altruism a part of everyday existence.

We make our home, workplaces, communities and countries better and brighter when we think positive thoughts that echo outward, give donations of time or money, smile at everyone we meet, and lend those in need of aid our assistance. Even enthusiastically sharing ideas with others generates positive energy that then serves as the motivation for more noticeable change. Selfless and helpful deeds remind us that we exercise some degree of control over a world that can seem chaotic at times. Even the smallest of such deeds shows that we are capable of making a change in a positive way. So much negative energy is generated by the suffering, pain and close-mindedness we are regularly exposed to, but we can counteract it in a constructive way by thinking and acting altruistically when opportunities to do so arise.

It often takes no more than a moment. Just a wish for the world is a beautiful gesture and can be done by even the busiest of people effortlessly. The gift you give each day need not be grand or attention worthy because the broader benefits are the same. Once a day, you can affect reality, and you can reap the rewards of knowing that you are making the world a better place, day by day.

Summer Camp Programs At Tower Hill and Pilgrim Park



Registration forms for Summer Camp at Tower Hill or Pilgrim Park for Youth and Adults can be found at the Information Center and in the Church Office. You also may register online at www.ilodm.org. Godstock Camp, (\$373.50) 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 are \$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.



Birthday Greetings

May, 2019

May 2

John O'Connell
Rebecca O'Connell

May 3

Brian Rudnicki

May 5

Christopher Schneider Sr.
Christine Vanderbilt

May 6

Constance Schaefer

May 7

Barbara Miller

May 8

Rachel Pokorski
Timothy Whalen

May 11

Robert Jefchak

May 12

Kathi Graben
Larry Graben

May 15

William Jerry II

May 18

Dawn Boone

May 20

Alexander Bubash
Rudolph Wehofer

May 21

Donna Sihler

May 22

Kathleen Koch
Carol Landow
Christopher Schneider, Jr.

May 24

Judith Lisak
Geraldine Peck

May 27

Joseph Ferrantelli
Richard Lisak, Sr.
Richard Voboril

May 28

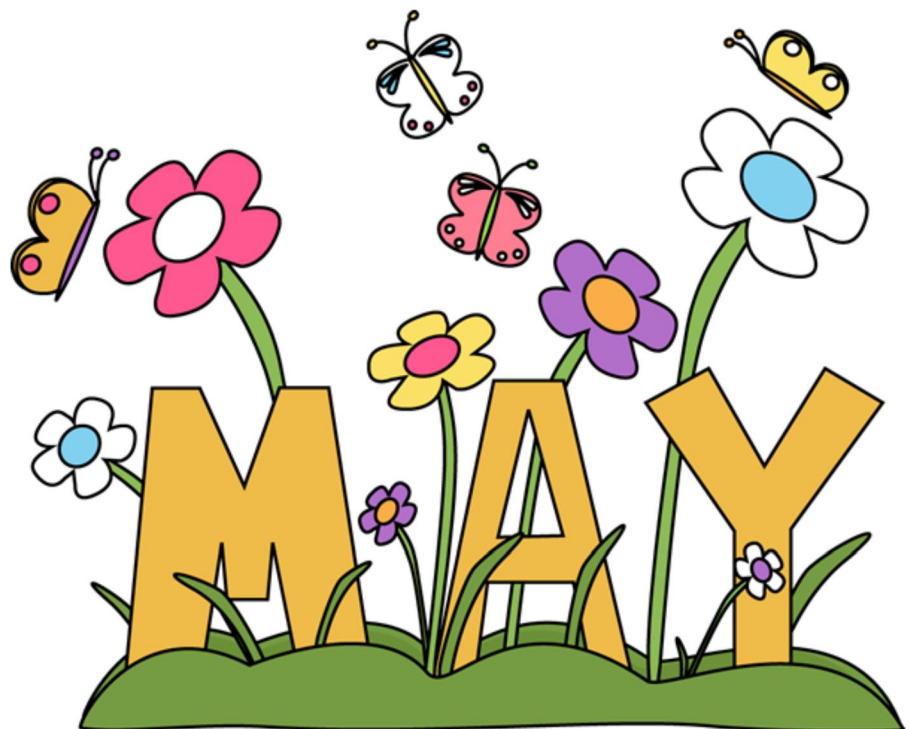
Megan Hutchinson
June Umecker

May 29

Betty Jackson

May 31

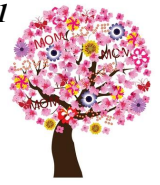

Elaine Chabitch
Priscilla Hook





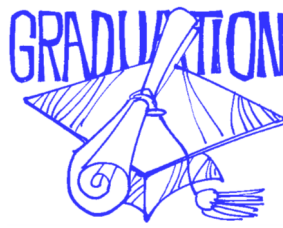
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Graduation

Sunday—June 2nd



On Sunday, June 2nd we would like to honor our graduates. If you are graduating or you have a child or youth who is graduating, please provide the church office with the information as well as a recent picture by Sunday, May 19th. Those who turn in a picture will be included in our "PMC Graduates" photo presentation that will be shared with the congregation during worship on June 2nd. All graduates are strongly encouraged to attend worship on Sunday, June 2nd and wear their school colors.



Strengthen the Church Offering

Pentecost Sunday

June 9th

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

WHAT HAPPENS TO IT?

By Gaile Sprissler

When you donate to the rummage sale, where does all of the stuff go? The Rummage Sale made \$2,600 for PMC. This spring sale the following left-over items went to:

- Shoes to – DSW's *Soles for Souls*, distributed throughout the world
- Towels, old blankets and sheets and some stuffed animals without removable parts - to South Suburban Animal Welfare
- Blankets, sheets, pillow cases – PADS
- Small, nearly new stuffed animals were given to PADS' children along with the meal we cooked this month.
- Large bags of men's, women's and children's clothing to – Sheldon Heights Christian Church – Food and Clothing Pantry.
- Jackets – put aside for Mission Committee's Fall Jacket Donations Program
- Nearly new children's clothing – Pam Cornyn's special families
- Voucher's are given to families at Operation Blessing. They may come the last hour and pick out necessary items for free
- A large box of left-over yarn from this and a past rummage sale went to - Tinley Park Library, *The Stitch Club*. They knit and crochet hats and blankets for preemies as well as cancer and hospice patients. Another box went to the *Knit and Crochet Club*, at the Village which does the same.
- Remaining items are donated to Amvets, helping the Veterans

It's a Win-Win for us and for the community. Thank you for your donations and purchases. We are always grateful for what we have, and for what we can share.

June/July Messenger Deadline

Articles and news for the combined June & July issue of *The Messenger* are due into the office by Monday, May 13th. The issue will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 26th.

Sunday, May 12th



Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast

April 13, 2019



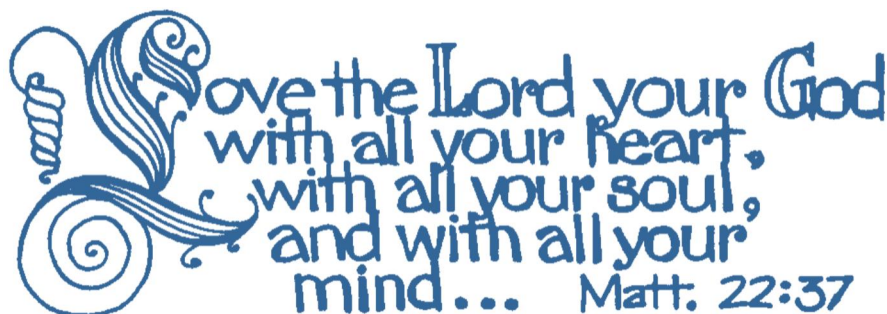
Our Members And Friends Congratulations

- Rich and Judi Lisak on their 56th Wedding Anniversary on April 20th
- Tom Osborne and Gordon Sieveke on their 1st Wedding Anniversary on April 28th



Peace Community Garden

Our Community Garden has begun its third year with all 24 raised cedar garden beds being rented. We have 17 community gardeners participating this growing season and 7 church members. We recently added additional amended soil and have freshened up our signage and garden entrance. Spoiler alert—Pastor Jed has a garden bed too! And a big thank you for the many likes and followers on our Facebook page—Community Garden@PMC Sent from #45



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**Monday, May 27th
Memorial Day
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Closed**



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