Thanksgiving Worship Service November 24th 9:30 a.m.
Followed by Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committee

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
Please join us on Sunday, November 24th when we, as a congregation, celebrate Thanksgiving at the worship service at 9:30 a.m. As in the past, prior to the start of the service there will be the “ingathering of food” when worshippers present have the opportunity to place nonperishable food items in front of the altar. These will then be donated to food pantries and soup kitchens, who in turn distribute the bags of groceries to needy persons in the local community or use the donated food to cook up and serve a one-dish meal to the hungry people in the surrounding neighborhood.

THANKSGIVING DINNER—ALL CHURCH EVENT
“Many hands make light work”
After the conclusion of the service everyone is invited to the Thanksgiving Dinner that will be served in Zion Hall, but leave your wallet in your pocket or purse! Your generous support of our weekly Sunday fellowship hour enables us to cook up this complimentary feast for our valued family and friends here at PMC.

The Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committee is asking EVERYONE at PMC to help. Each family is being asked to please bring either a casserole, potatoes, salad or vegetable. The church will provide the turkey, stuffing, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, milk, and dessert.

This is an all Church event at which “many hands” CAN “make light work.” Help is needed on Saturday morning to prep the turkeys and on Sunday to help with the heating and serving of food, as well as clean up.

The more people that are willing to give of their time, the easier and more enjoyable the meal with be for all. Volunteering is also a wonderful way to meet new people!! But please know, those who volunteer to help with the dinner will only be asked to work short shifts so that everyone will be able to sit and eat with their family and friends.

To sign up to volunteer and make reservations, please check the Thanksgiving Dinner table in the narthex or call the church office. Reservations for the meal enable the committee to have an accurate count of those eating and the food needed.
Holiday Season Approaching
By Rev. Jed Watson, Senior Pastor

Friends:

In case you haven’t noticed, the Christmas season is fast approaching. I’m looking forward to my first Advent and Christmas with you! Plans are in the works for much joyful worship and the celebration of a hopeful spirit.

I’m also aware that, for many among us, the coming holiday season will be a difficult one. Peace Memorial Church has experienced an unusual number of deaths and serious illnesses in the past several months. For those working through grief or serious health concerns, it can be very hard to embrace the spirit of the season. It’s that much harder when someone feels pressure to feel a joy that simply isn’t coming. I’ve always believed that it’s healthy, even spiritually redemptive, for the grieving to acknowledge their grief and allow that soulful process to run its course.

One thing a congregation can do to nurture and affirm the grieving is to hold a “Blue Christmas” service. PMC has done this before and we’d like to do it again, this time in partnership with a neighboring congregation. We will gather at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 Wolf Road, on Tuesday, December 10, at 7pm for a shared “Blue Christmas” service of hope and healing. It will be an opportunity for folks to acknowledge their pain and confusion and lift those feelings up to God. I will co-officiate the service with my friend, Rev. Yvette Eber, the new interim pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park. There will be music, scripture, reflection and much prayer. Together, we will ask God to guide us through a time of trial and help us embrace the light of God’s promise.

I will share more details as we get closer to December 10. For now, I invite you to mark the evening on your calendar and consider participating. We offer this worship in a spirit of hope and solidarity with those who grieve. God is with us, even in the very worst of times!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Jed Watson

The Board of Christian Education invites you to come help DECORATE THE HALLS on Sunday, December 1st following the Congregational Meeting. Lunch will be provided. Let us know if you can help! Don’t forget to bring your Christmas cheer!
2020 Offering Envelopes
The new boxed sets for 2020 will be available for pickup in the narthex sometime in November. Check the bulletin for when they will be available.

Poinsettia Plants And Christmas Memorials
Poinsettia plant orders, which will be displayed in the Sanctuary on December 22nd and 24th need to be ordered through the church office and paid for by December 8th. The cost will still be $13.00.

Christmas Memorials are due in the church office by December 15th.

Church Office Closed
The church office will be closed on Friday November 29th following Thanksgiving.

November 3 Memorial Sunday/Communion
Our annual observance of Memorial Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd. During the 9:30 a.m. service we will remember all of our members and friends who have passed away since Memorial Sunday, 2018. Communion will also be celebrated during the service.

Messenger Deadline
The deadline for articles for the December/January issue of The Messenger will be November 11th. This is the last issue of the year, so January news items need to be in the office on the same deadline. The next issue will be February, 2020 and the deadline will be Monday, January 13th.

Adult Sunday Morning Class Welcomes You
Do you find yourself just going through the motions in your attempts to live out your Christianity? If so, it’s not too late to start attending our adult Sunday morning class. The class meets in Peace Lounge from 8:30—9:15 a.m., sharp. Materials are provided. The current lessons focus on getting to the real “heart” of our own spiritual tradition and then finding a way to live from just such a place. Feel free to call Michael Galati (630-257-7684) for information.

Dr. Galati has been teaching adult church groups for over 50 years in the UCC and in United Methodist churches. As a boy he was raised in the Evangelical and Reformed denomination and has led congregations in worship as a lay speaker for more than fifty years both in Illinois and Wisconsin.
Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 1, 2019

The semi-annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 1st in order to present, discuss, and vote on the proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year. This meeting will be held immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service.

Life Line Screenings at PMC December 17

Life Line Screening, the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Peace Memorial Church on 12/17/2019 (see the enclosed flyer)

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only $149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a $10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle, or text the word "circle" to 797979.

Living Daily In Joy and Peace
Submitted by Gaile Sprissler

What if you were able to be your true self in every moment of every day---sure and confident, effortlessly attracting peace, and joy? And what if it didn't matter where you lived, how much money you had, what you did for a living, or who your friends were, in order for you to feel inspired and connected to something deeper, and to God?

You may have felt that clarity and deeper connection in fleeting moments in your life, but if you're like many people, you might not know how to maintain that state of being, and you probably wonder why it's so elusive.

Try to experience life with less judgment and not second guessing yourself. Daily meditations or just a few meditative moments can help you to hear your soul messages and access your courage to follow them. Be excited about your personal growth and share with those around you. Life is a blast – accept and be grateful for all of it. Smile and say thanks throughout the day. Be thrilled with all of the wonderful little moments.

Instead of living the conventional life, seeking security and status from without, learn to appreciate life as it unfolds divinely. Try accomplishing more with less. Allow your heart to open wider and wider. It is a magnificent experience to feel wholly alive. Your focus will change, and you will walk more and more in peace. It is God’s plan for you, embrace it.
Veteran’s Recognition
Sunday, November 10th

We will be honoring our veterans on Sunday, November 10th. As in prior years a special presentation will be put together and shown to honor those who have courageously served our country to protect the freedoms we all are privileged to enjoy. If you have a loved one or family member that you would like to be included, please provide the church office with a picture, as well as the full name of that individual, the branch of service they were in, as well as the dates they served. Pictures will be scanned and be given back. If you provided pictures last year and would like those to be used again this year, just let the office know. Pictures need to be in to the office by November 3rd to be included.

Oktoberfest Thankyou

It is with a very grateful heart we express our appreciation to the Peace Memorial Church congregation’s support for the success of Oktoberfest. Thank you for the team participation of everyone who came to share in this event. The final figures are not complete as of this writing, but will exceed $3,100.00. We also collected $500.00 for PADS from the 50/50 and donations. We had 210 guests, an increase of 50 people from last year’s attendance.

Recognition must be made to our amazing planning and operational committee consisting of Carol and Wayne Hoeffer, Bev and Rudy Wehofer, Ellen and George Holmes, Pat Ostrowski, and Ken Kamper. They have been the backbone the last two years for Oktoberfest. I am deeply indebted to each and everyone of you. Thank you.

We are extremely appreciative and grateful to the Seyfang/Menker Music Fund and the Louise Smith Fund for their generous contributions to the successful evening on October 4th. Thank you!

A special thank you to Pam Kueltzo for all of her guidance and assistance in the many, many times I interrupted her day to seek her office knowledge and experience. Thank you.

Thank you must also be expressed to the following people that so willingly agreed to participate in the creation of our evening’s efficiency and success. The following list of people are: Elise Signore for the designing of our flyers, Don Stille, Paul Gross, Laura Haase, Karen and Steve Rakauskas, Tom Bockmann, Gail and Jim Jefchak, Larry Loussaert and Joe Spoors, Carmen and Jim Vondrak, Herb and Helen Zimmermann, Pam and Glenn Kueltzo, Donna Kallemyen, Wayne Johnson, Sienna and Terryn Ostrowski, Dave and Pam Cornyn, Jayne Przybylski, Pastor Jed and Sue Watson, Renee and Jack Puckett.. Also, thank you to so many that pitched in at the end of the evening making short work of the clean up and taking down the Oktoberfest tables and putting up the round tables. I apologize if I have inadvertently omitted someone’s name on the list of participants. Thank you.

This event was a church team program and I cannot fully express how overwhelming it was to see you all present to share in this fund raising event for Peace Memorial Church. Thank you all.

Barbara Kamper

Giving Tree/Blessing Bucket

Watch for the Giving Tree to appear in the Narthex around November 17th. The tree with tags will have names for the families designated as the recipients this year. Tags will be for food, clothing, toys and gift cards.

There will be a sign out board located by the tree so as you remove a gift tag (or tags) please sign out the tag. Gifts will be due back early in December (exact date to be in the bulletin). UNWRAPPED gifts can be placed under the tree. Any questions? Call Pam Cornyn 815-838-6774.

Time Change
Sunday November 3rd
Don’t forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.
Matthew 2: 10-11

10When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Christmas is a season of giving. God gave Jesus. Mary gave Him life. The Shepherds gave their worship. The Wise Men gave their gifts. And we know that ultimately Jesus gave His life on a cross so all of God’s people could have everlasting life.

With all of the challenges people are facing, they continue to look to the church as a place to see their spiritual needs met. We must continue to provide a loving atmosphere, as well as continue to be equipped with the tools it takes to make an impact in our community.

The challenge is for all of us as Wise Men and Women to open up our hearts and our own treasure chests in order to offer up our gifts to support the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ that is done on a daily basis here at Peace Memorial Church. We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you can make your local church a high priority during this Christmas season, both in your attendance and giving.

During the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season, we invite you to be a part of our March to the Manger campaign.

The needs that are being met here at Peace Memorial Church are numerous and important, and we are so thankful for those who have caught the vision in what we are doing here in this community. We encourage you to consider your year-end giving efforts, and to continue to bless the church where you worship. We know that in turn, you will be greatly blessed!
Save the Date—Sunday, December 15th

The Worship and Music Committee will sponsor a trip To the “New Tradition” Chorus Concert on December 15th at 2:30p.m. at Glenbrook South H.S. Tickets can be ordered through Russell (901-289-0861) or ordered directly mentioning his name. Transportation will be provided.

Southwest Suburban CROP Walk 2019

The Peace Memorial Team for 2019—they raised 4% more money than last year and had 3% more walkers. They raised $3600.00 for the CROP Walk—a big thank you to all who participated.
Our Members
And Friends

Funerals
- September 27, 2019 Debra Rehling, born July 29, 1953 and passed away September 19, 2019
- October 13, 2019, Yvonne Robbins, born August 10, 1945 and passed away October 2, 2019

Wedding
October 12, 2019—Joseph Graben and Theresa Boone-Toolan

Baptism
October 20, 2019—Madison Grace Wright, daughter of Terrance and Nicole, nee Loussaert and granddaughter of Lawrence and Joseph Spoors

Congratulations
Rudy and Beverly Wehofer on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 18th

Peace Memorial Church
Christmas Party
Sponsored by the Landscapers and Gardeners
Celebrating Over 20 Years of Service to Peace Memorial Church

The Garden Chalet
11000 S. Ridgeland, Worth

6:00 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2019
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Music Provided by The 3 J’s
$35.00 per person
Tickets available in Zion Hall
Everyone is Welcome!
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Victoria Olson
Leah Signore

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Graham Hevel
Meghan Puckett
Sue Watson

November 9
Gary Kwiatkowski
Dawn Smith

November 10
Alexa Hook

November 13
Thomas Hecker
Zachary Hutchinson
Jack Puckett

November 15
Gloria Hoessler

November 16
Verna Kwiatkowski
Mason Maguire

November 18
William Bayer

November 20
Kathy Horosinski

November 23
Nancy Anderson
Daniel Kallemeyn

November 26
Dennis Kirscher

November 28
Kenneth Bowman, Jr.
Brian Koch
Barbara Rowley

November 29
Phyllis Klaiber
Carl Pratscher III

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