

Friday, February 9, 2024



**From the Pastor**

Rev. Kirk Moore

## Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday begins the season of Lent - a time where we prepare for the coming celebration of Easter. Lent is a more somber time where some folks give things up, and others decide to do things that help draw them closer to God/



And it begins this year on Valentine's Day. In the morning, I'll be at the Palos Park train station offering ashes to commuters as the board the train. I'll also be there if the afternoon as commuters exit the train on their way home.

**And at 6:00 pm, we'll gather at PMC for a soup supper, followed by an Ash Wednesday service of confession, ashes, and communion at 7:00 pm. I hope you'll join us.**

Before that, however, we have this Sunday - Transfiguration Sunday. And I'll be talking about the time Jesus glowed. See a preview below.

And please remember to let me know any time folks are in the hospital or could use a pastoral visit.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Kirk*

***A Peace sermon preview for this Sunday, February 11, 2024***



Not seeing a video still frame? [Check here](#) for a whole playlist of sermon previews.



## Wiring.

When Jesus stood up on the mountain with Elijah, Moses, Peter, James, and John. He glowed. He dazzled. And then a cloud overshadowed all of them.

And there was a voice.

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Do you know any people who seem to have the wiring to hear God's voice?

I know this one person. They've told me before that when they pray, they can look and see Jesus sitting in a chair next to them and they have a conversation. They've asked me, "Do you think that's possible?"

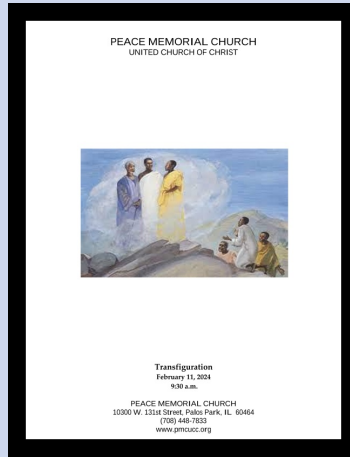
I've said, "What do you talk about?"

"Just stuff – nothing huge."

"I think that's great. Keep talking. If he ever tells you to do something that you know is harmful to you or to anyone, then it's not Jesus. But I think it's great that when you pray, you see Jesus and have a conversation."

I know plenty of people who see and hear and experience things differently than I do. And my response is similar to each. Keep looking. Keep listening. Keep your eyes and your soul open. And if you ever experience communication that tells you to do something you know is harmful to you or

anyone, then that's not a good voice to listen to.



**Bulletin for this Sunday, February 11, 2024**

**Calendar for the week of February 11-18, 2024**

**Sunday, February 11**

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. – Super Bowl Sunday Sub pick-up and CE Bake Sale

**Monday, February 12**

- 7:00 p.m. – Zion Hall usage - \*PMCMC

**Tuesday, February 13**

- 6:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental
- 7:00 p.m. – Alzheimer's Group

**Wednesday, February 14**

- 7:00 a.m. – Volunteers
- 3:00 p.m. - PADS
- 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental
- 6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, February 15**

- 1:00 p.m. – Bible Study
- 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

**Saturday, February 17**

- 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Stitchers/Chapel

**Sunday, February 18**

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

\* PMCMC = Peace Memorial Church Monday Men's Club

**February 11**

Judy Dagys  
Cody White

**February 13**

Abigail Finn

**February 14**

Joan Frase  
Jo Kujawa  
Terryn Ostrowski

**February 15**

Barbara Kamper

## **News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns**

Ushers 2-11-24 – William Bayer, Jim Keyser, Karen Blaser, Diane Oremovich  
Ushers 2-18-24 – Shawn Roorda, Alan White, Pam Cornyn, Keith Koch

In Celebration of our relationship and marriage by **Tom & Gordon**.

A Gift Has Been Given to the **PMC Cooking Ministry** for an outstanding first class and to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make last Saturday a great success by Ray & Jo Kujawa.

A Special Thank Offering in Honor of **Gail Korbitz** on her 20th birthday, February 3rd, by her family.

Memorials in Memory of:

**Gene Skala** remembered on his birthday, February 8th, by Mary Lou and her family.

**Bill Jerry** remembered on his birthday, February 11th, by his family.

**Heidi Mason**, February 2nd, and **Bob Mason**, February 17th, remembered by Lori & Scott Mason

**Fred Fuerst** remembered on his birthday, February 4th, by the Marks family

New Prayers: **Sami Pala**, Shawn Roorda's friend, prayers for strength and healing; **Rosemary Freebeck**, prayers for peace and healing; **Ellen Swenson's family** after her passing February 8th.

Continued Prayers: **Judy Dagys** prayers for healing after her surgery; **Helen Espinoza** recovering after a fall and a hospital stay; **Nick Schuber's** family after his passing; **Maureen Lomasney** prayers for strength and healing after her surgery; **Marcy Martino** strength to endure chemo and subsequent surgery; **Tracy & Bob Mohr's family** after the passing of Tracy's mother; **Kathy Szymanski**, sister-in-law of Elaine Schneider, prayers for healing; **Gordon Sieveke** prayers for strength and healing.

**Are you interested in becoming a member of Peace Memorial Church?** Please get in contact with Pastor Kirk to talk about next steps. Thank you for being a part of PMC!

The **Heart Healthy Cereal collection** begins, Sunday, February 4th and runs through and including Sunday, February 25th. The cereal collected will be delivered to a local food pantry. If our goal of 100 boxes of cereal is achieved, we will deliver to two food pantries. **If we reach 200 boxes, the Peace Kids will make a cereal box domino trail in the sanctuary for us to enjoy!** Examples of Heart Healthy cereals are -**Cheerios, Smart Start, Special K, Barbara's Puffins, and Kashi**. This annual project in February is in honor and in memory Louise Smith.



The weather seems to be slowly changing and on March 1st you can **reserve your raised garden bed in our Community Garden**. Our community garden is part of our community outreach, so we reserve a small number of beds for our church members with the balance reserved for our community. If you wish to reserve a raised garden bed please email us at [communitygarden@pmcucc.org](mailto:communitygarden@pmcucc.org) to reserve your spot.

Please join us at Peace Memorial Church on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 pm for a concert by **The Agape Ringers**, Chicago's premier handbell ensemble. You can learn more about the ensemble at their website [AgapeRingers.org](http://AgapeRingers.org), and on Facebook and YouTube by searching for "The Agape Ringers." The current program encompasses a wide variety of musical styles, from classical to boogie, with arrangements of well-known pieces such as Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye;" "Flight of the Bumblebee," arranged as "Bumble Boogie;" "For Good" from the Broadway hit Wicked; and many more compositions for handbells. Admission is free, and we'll have a freewill offering for the Agape Ringers.  
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**Did you know singing in a group increases your happiness?** Consider joining the choir!

And please remember **Bible study -- Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel**. We hope to see you all there.



Any time -- even during the worship service - You can donate electronically to PMC through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly). Simply scan this QR Code, or use the ["donate" link](#) on our church website or at the bottom of this email. Thank you!

## Peace Kids Are Always Busy!

Our Peace Kids are excited to sing for you this Sunday for Valentine's Day! They have also been working hard on making their Valentine's Day gifts to pass out in church! Oh and don't forget to stop by the bake sale after church on Sunday to support the Peace Kids and Peace Youth!



# GAZA TEACH-IN

## Palestine 101

**JOIN US for a film and  
panel discussion**

Hope Covenant Church in Orland Park  
14401 West Avenue, Orland Park, IL  
Sunday, March 3, 2024  
Lunch at 11:30 AM  
Film and panel discussion at 12:15 PM

**RSVP** Laura, church administrator, at  
(708) 448-8142  
no later than February 27, 2024

What is a faith-based response to what is happening in Gaza today? This event features **Yasser Said**, Internist & pediatrician, The Human Dignity Project national director, **Rebekah Levin**, Researcher & evaluator, political activist, Jewish Voice for Peace, and **Don Wagner**, Retired professor, Presbyterian clergy, author.



Did you miss church? [Catch up on last Sunday's service here.](#) And feel free to share recordings of past services with others who might like to learn more about Peace! You can subscribe to our [youtube channel](#) and also the [Worship Services Playlist.](#)



Do you love to bake or do you  
just love a good sweet treat?



Join us for our  
Peace Kids &  
Youth

BAKE SALE

Sunday,  
February 11th

All proceeds to benefit Christian Education committee





**PMC & Community Event**  
**BREAKFAST WITH**  
**THE EASTER BUNNY**  
**& EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Saturday March 16, 2024

8:30 am to 11:00 am

Peace Memorial Church

10300 W. 131st Street

Palos Park, IL 60464

708-448-7833

Free Will Donation Appreciated

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT**

**11:00 AM**

**BRING YOUR OWN BASKET**

**HOP IN FOR A**  
**GREAT TIME!**

**GAMES & CRAFTS**

**TAKE PICTURES WITH**  
**THE EASTER BUNNY**





Chicago's Premier  
Handbell Ensemble

[www.AgapeRingers.org](http://www.AgapeRingers.org)

KC Congdon, Artistic Director

**Sunday, March 17th 4:00pm**

**Peace Memorial Church, UCC**

*In Concert*

10300 W. 131st St, Palos Park

[pmcucc.org](http://pmcucc.org)

-Free admission-

We will be collecting a free-will  
offering for the Agape Ringers



This program is partially  
supported by a grant from the  
Illinois Arts Council Agency.



**Peace Village**

10300 Village Circle Drive

Palos Park, IL 60464

(708) 361-6091

Roger Ellens .....CEO/Executive Director

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