



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –

Summer!

Long weekends! Sunshine!

Finally sleeping in on Sundays and not having to go to church!

Said everyone -- and then wondered if they said it out loud.

Not going to church in the Summer or anytime is an option. With our service recordings available on our [YouTube channel](#), it's time for church anytime and anywhere -- on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Regardless, the '*not going to church in the Summer*' can continue. Lots of people do it. More people than used to, do it. More people than ever don't attend any kind of church service -- in person or online. Nevertheless, we have church every week. If you want to join somehow before or even after doing all the other wonderful stuff, you can still sleep in.



How about this? This summer, spend a few Sundays sleeping in and not going to church at all. Also . . . enjoy several Sundays watching online. And as often as possible, come to church in person! ***Church is always better when you're part of it in any way.*** So, I hope you'll make this summer one where you make a point to be a part of worship services any way you can.

Do you attend worship every Sunday – all year?
See you on Sunday somewhere!

Do you like to take almost every Summer Sunday off?

How about being part of worship services half of the Sundays this summer instead? There's something wonderful each week -- it might be hard to pick!

Do you attend church sporadically at best?

How about watching every week online anyway?

Do you never attend church at all – but someone gave you this newsletter article to encourage you to visit?

Today's the best day to try it out!

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey – you are a divine creation.

Church every Sunday. See you this Summer!

Gather!

Pastor Kirk

PMC Report

Diane Oremovich

Welcoming others is an important part of our church. When someone new comes into the church, I see many members walking up to our guests, introducing themselves and engaging with them in conversation. They are inviting them to coffee hour. We definitely are becoming a very welcoming church. Thank you to everyone who reaches out to our guests.

I have been attending the visioning sessions. One comment I have heard several times describes us as a church family. I call it the family we choose. It was wonderful to hear everyone sharing their thoughts at the sessions. I look forward to hearing how all these thoughts become our vision. Please consider joining the Pastor in working on our vision statement.

I also wanted to share some quick updates. The new chiller that provides air conditioning to the Christian Education/Lifestyles Academy has been installed and is operational. The floor in Zion Hall is completed and ready for our next step. I appreciate the hard work of the Building and Grounds committee in researching what is the best in the long-term finish for the floor. The next project is putting things back in the storage closet in Zion Hall, cleaning the kitchen, which includes washing down the walls, cleaning all the shelves, drawers, appliances, and washing everything in the kitchen. Thank you to Mike Koch for the lead in this cleaning project.

Weekly Service Attendance

May 5 (Communion Sunday)

9:30 am - 108

May 12

9:30 am - 102

May 19

9:30 am - 89

May 26

9:30 am - 58

Christian Education

Holly Jones

MEET AUSTIN



Austin is 7 years old. He is a natural outdoorsman, he loves fishing, hunting, and would live outside if he could. He is on the wrestling team and swim team. Fun fact- he loves spicy food, he's been eating hot wings since he was about 2 years old, and Taki's are his favorite chips!

Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?

Dog Dog my stuffed pillow

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A police officer

What do you like most about Sunday School?

I like when we make fun crafts!

Do you have a favorite song we sing in church?

Jesus Loves Me

What makes you happiest?

When I get to go to work with my dad, and wrestling!

Why do you like Peace Memorial?

I like to see Papa Don...and the donuts! They are so good!

Hello Summer!!! It's already June! Can you believe it?! I am so excited! School is out (or will be in the next week!), graduates have celebrated with their pomp and circumstance and it's time for fun! Summer brings all the very best things: longer days to enjoy by the pool, adventures to go on, memories to make and of course this year: cicadas! Most of our kids have been so excited for our red eyed visitors and are even planning on a 'guess how many cicada shells we collected' contest!

May is the month of insects apparently! Through the month of May our Peace Kids experienced God's wonder and creation while growing butterflies from itty bitty caterpillars. Sunday May 19th, all 12 of our beautiful butterflies were released into the prayer garden. We couldn't

just send them off into the world, however. We needed to have a party! The kids had a great time holding their butterflies and of course eating butterfly shaped Jello jigglers!

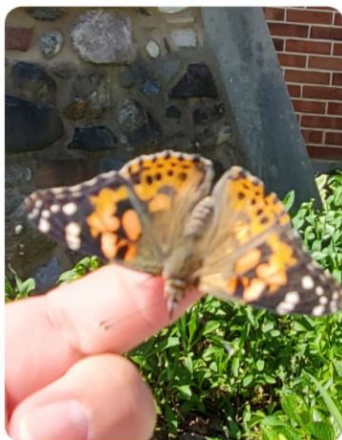
Our kids have also spent a lot of time in their own garden last month, planting cucumbers, tomatoes, sugar snap peas, carrots, corn and herbs! That sounds like the start to delicious salad to me! The hope is for the kids to be able to tend to our garden while eagerly awaiting the return of Vacation Bible School!

Crikey! This year's VBS theme, Outback Rock is already shaping up to be a Koala-ity time! Maybe we can even dress Floyd as a kangaroo? He'd go for it! We will have many opportunities to volunteer again this year. If you missed our announcement, July 11th and 12th will be filled with Bible stories, music, projects and more as we take our kids through the Outback.

If you are interested in sponsorship or volunteering, we would be happy to talk with you! Just make sure to practice your Australian accent. (Here's where you can start. Say Good Eye Mite out loud)

Just a reminder, Sunday school has ended for the summer, but we are always glad to see your children in church. They look so cute sitting in their reserved pews, and our blessings bags are always available.





The ONA Committee was originally formed in 2016 under the direction of interim Pastor Phil Price and Pastor Sarah Lohrbach. The original purpose of the committee was to explore the possibility of Peace Memorial Church becoming an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Several educational programs were offered, as well as opportunities for open discussion, in order to give the congregation some insight as to what the concept of being an Open and Affirming church would be. In February, 2020, a vote was taken by the congregation and Peace Memorial Church officially became an ONA church.

Currently, we sponsor a Rainbow Prom for High School students in May, and a Rainbow Picnic for all in August. This year, we have been given the opportunity to host the first Illinois showing of, "1946-The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture". This will occur on Sunday, June 9 at 4:00PM. The director will be present for a Q & A after the movie is shown. We hope to offer more learning opportunities such as this in the future.

In the meantime, the committee is exploring more ways to display our ONA status both inside and outside the church. We hope to make our neighbors aware of the fact that we welcome ALL to Peace Memorial Church!

Get to Know a Trustee

Russ Hook



Hello PMC members! My name is Russell Hook, and I'm one of your current Board of Trustees members. This is my sixth year and end of my second term. I have been a lifelong member of PMC, except for 13 years when I lived in Memphis, TN during my career with Delta Airlines. While living there, I was a member of First Congregational UCC in the heart of Memphis' midtown neighborhood. I was active as I could be between flying around the world all the time! I was baptized in 1952 and made my confirmation in 1965, both at our former 78th and Laflin location. I've been in Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Youth Group, Peace Players, and continue to sing in the Choir today. I served as Vice President for two years. I currently am chairperson of the ONA committee and also the Worship and Music committee where I also act as Trustee liaison. My daughter is Amanda Ambrose who is also quite active and serves on 3

committees. Like father, like daughter?!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve these six years as a trustee. I learned a lot about how we function as a church both for the members and the community. I plan on staying as active as I can after I leave the Trustees at the end of this year. I love Peace Memorial, who doesn't?!
Peace Works and All are Welcome!

Thank You to the ONA Committee

Linnea Rimkus

It is fitting that we highlight and thank the Open & Affirming, (ONA), Committee during June, which is officially PRIDE month!

This committee was originally formed in 2016 to explore the possibility of Peace Memorial Church becoming an Open & Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. We accomplished this in the year 2020, due to the faith and perseverance of the committee, and a welcoming congregation!

We currently sponsor a Rainbow Prom for area teens in May, a Rainbow Picnic for all in August, and are working on more educational opportunities and activities for our congregation. We hope to let all other members of our community know that we welcome ALL!

Thank you to our current committee members:

Russ Hook, Chairperson, Ray Kujawa, Amanda Ambrose, Darryl Onak, Kathy Faulkner, Cathy Miller, Linnea Rimkus and Pastor Kirk Moore.

We are also grateful for all of the pastors and staff who have supported our efforts from the beginning, as well as former members of the committee. We appreciate your service!

Linnea Rimkus-Trustee liaison

Mission and Spiritual Care Committee

On behalf of the Mission Committee, thank you for your support of the latest food drive. This collection of groceries has been delivered to the Food Pantry of Pilgrim Faith UCC of Oak Lawn.



Dear Members of Peace Memorial Church,

The Pilgrim Faith Food Pantry greatly appreciates your generous donation. Your aid will help us through the lean summer months. Thank you for helping us feed the hungry.

Pilgrim Faith Food Pantry

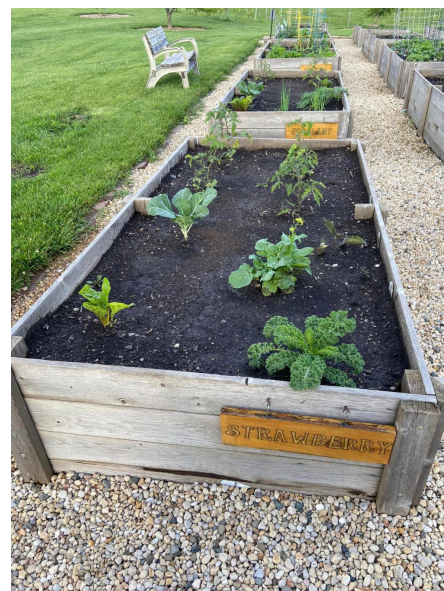
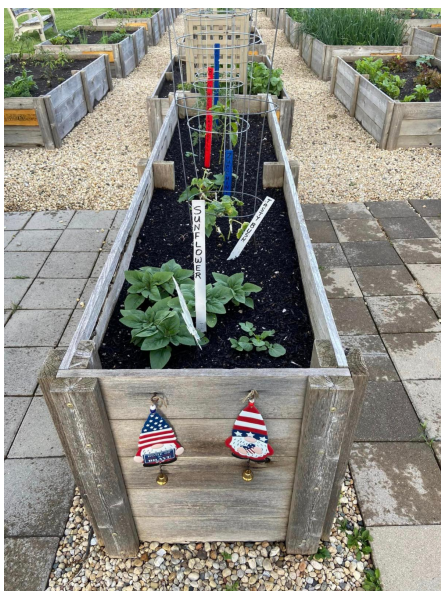
COMMUNITY GARDEN

Bruce Puhr





We are up and running for another season of growing ! The month of June is the most exciting as the height and width of our crops grows quickly. Some of our gardeners plant early and enjoy the benefits of getting an early start. A few stragglers start later but still are able to watch the crops grow quickly in June. Lettuce, radishes, and onions dominate the early crops. But no worries, the peppers and tomatoes lead with many gardeners planting right after Mother's Day. To watch the crops grow brings joy to our team. Stop by the garden before or after church service, it's worth it! And if you have a few extra minutes, walk through the vineyard, the butterfly garden and our fruit tree area to see this area begin to prosper. Enjoy !



OUTREACH

WHAT IF THE WORD **HOMOSEXUAL**
WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE IN THE BIBLE?

June 9th, 2024 4:00pm

1946

THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE



Seeking to uncover the origins of the rabid homophobia of the conservative church, a gay seminary scholar and a straight activist make a shocking discovery: In 1946 an erroneous translation of the term homosexual in the Bible that has been weaponized against the LGBTQIA+ community ever since.

Featuring a Q & A with 1946 Director
Sharon "Rocky" Roggio



Exclusive Screening at
Peace Memorial Church

10300 W. 131st St. Palos Park IL



ALL CHURCH NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9th is the last day to donate shoes. They will be

packed up on that day for delivery to West Creek Church
– Food & Clothing Ministry,
where they will be distributed.

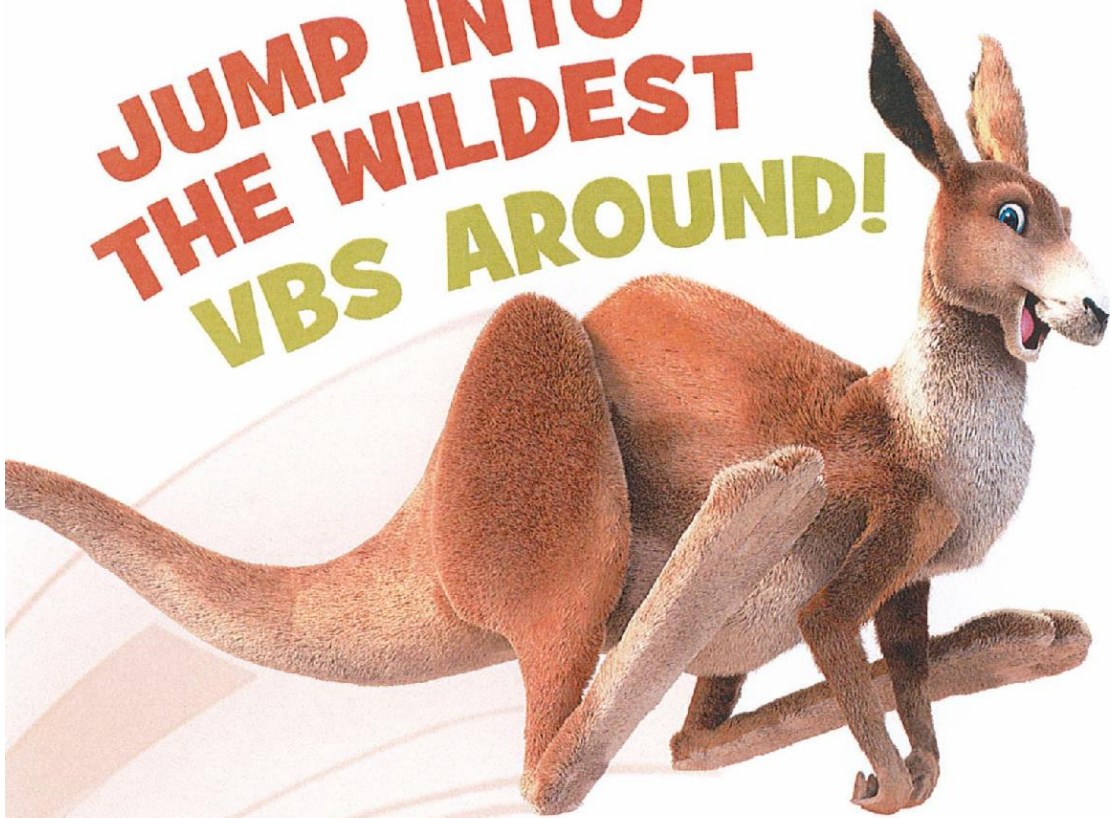
In our season of new paths and new visions,
we'd like to help those walking a difficult path – with shoes.

There is a community outreach program that distributes food and clothing and is in desperate need of shoes. **ANY SIZE, ANY STYLE, ANY CONDITION.** For the next month the Fellowship Committee is collecting shoes, boots, sandals, etc.

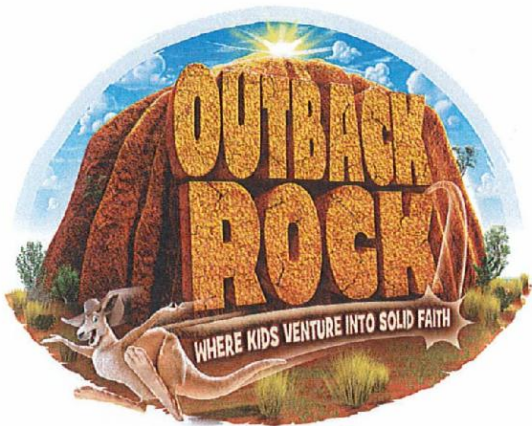
There will be a bin in the narthex to put your footwear donations in.



**JUMP INTO
THE WILDEST
VBS AROUND!**



PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH
IS HOSTING
OUTBACK ROCK VBS
JULY 11 & 12



WITH A CELEBRATION
DURING THE CHURCH
SERVICE ON JULY 14TH!

CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT
PMCUCC.ORG OR CALL THE
OFFICE AT (708) 448-7833

A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Gaile Sprissler

Each day as we learn and grow, we are unfolding our powers! We're getting better and stronger and more powerful the more that we discover about ourselves. By living productively, by using our time well, we find meaning in our

Life isn't about finding
yourself. Life is about
creating yourself.

George Bernard Shaw

lives. We are not meant to be a mere observer, we are meant to participate. We are given powers to use, not to be inactive. We are not born consciously knowing what our purpose is, it must be found through exploration. Purpose gives our life meaning. We can live our life with intention and make choices that serve

our objective for why we are here. It's not always easy. We must embrace life wholeheartedly, explore many different pathways, and allow ourselves to grow. Our purpose is unique and will evolve as we move through life. What drives you? Not what forces you out of bed in the morning, but what makes you glad to be alive? Make a list of activities that you wish you were involved in or think about a career path that you would love to embark upon. These are the endeavors that can help you fulfill your purpose and bring you the most satisfaction.

Picture yourself devoting your time to projects that spark your imagination, inspire, excite, and satisfy you. These activities are some of the ways that you can fulfill your life purpose. Time spent on these endeavors will never feel like a waste. Live your life with purpose, and you will feel significant and capable because every action you take and each choice you make will have meaning to it. What moves and motivates you becomes clear. Your willingness to look into your soul today can help you begin living a more meaningful life.

Take care of yourself first, then pour it from your overflowing cup! Let go of the opinions of others, and get in touch with what feels authentically joyful, healthy, and meaningful to you. Follow your passion, begin action. Don't wait for opportunities to come to you, seize the moment and take bold steps toward your goals and dreams.



June 1

Steve Rakauskas

June 3

Rebecca Finn
Pamela Medyk
Kristine Urbauer

June 6

Laura Perry

June 7

William Oremovich

June 8

Kenneth Miller
Karen Rakauskas

June 13

Elizabeth Finn
Howard Hook

June 14

Mark Bockmann
Glenn Kuelto

June 15

Brian Nolan

June 16

Karen Wasyliv

June 17

Thomas Osborne

June 19

Linda Cuadros
Audrey Kraft
Robert Puh

June 20

Jamie Kirscher

June 22

David Rudnicki

June 23

Charlotte Zuniga

June 24

Rimas Dagys

June 28

Gaile Sprissler

June 29

Judith Kirscher

June 30

Sawyer Ferrantelli

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am – 2pm Chapel rental pm - Pavilion – YC rental
2 ALL DAY PAVILION/YC RENTAL 9:30 am Worship	3	4	5 7:00 am Volunteers	6	7	8 1 – 6 P.M. Pavilion usage
9 9:30 am Worship 4 p.m. “1946” screening & discussion	10	11 7:00 pm Alzheimer’s meeting	12 7:00 am Volunteers 10 am B&G meeting 3:00 pm PADS 7 pm CE meeting	13 7 pm Choir	14	15 10 am – 4 pm Stitchers/ chapel
16 HAPPY FATHER’S DAY  9:30 am Worship	17 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	18	19 7:00 am Volunteers	20 7 pm Foundation meeting	21	22 Pavilion/ Youth Center rental POSSIBLE Zion Hall rental
23 ALL DAY PAVILION/YC RENTAL 9:30 am Worship 2 pm Gaza teach n talk	24	25	26 7:00 am Volunteers 3 pm Youth Center rental	27 3 pm PADS	28	29
30 SWIFT picnic						



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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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