

Friday, September 27, 2024



# Peace Weekly



**From the Pastor**  
Rev. Kirk Moore



## Autumn

*A season of change.*

We broke ground on the PMC location just over 50 years ago. We've been a congregation since 1885. And as a congregation, we've been through lots of changes.

The way we live out ***Being the Church*** changes over time. It always has. The changes usually occur over a long period of time, and sometimes it's only possible to notice the changes looking back.

And sometimes change happens abruptly. Those kinds of changes can be exciting, adventurous, inspiring, scary, off-putting, angering, and devastating.

All at the same time.

Sometimes it seems as if we've just been treading water as we try to figure out how we have and how we will change. We're not really sure what comes next.

And we're also weary because of all this turmoil, adventure, newness, inspiration, scariness and shock.

Let's continue to breathe in -- breathe out -- breathe in -- breathe out and start to think about . . . thinking about . . . what comes next. What amazing reformation is on its way, arriving, and has already begun?



Reformation Sunday is in a month. And for now -- let's keep being the church. This Sunday it's kind of a party. From a Godless book in the Bible. There's a preview below.

**Remember this Saturday, September 28, it's the next event in our Music: The Language of Faith series. Join us a 6 pm** for this awesome event. This time we focus on Hymns from Great Britain and Southern Gospel music. [More details are here!](#)

And then our Annual blessing of the animals October 5, and the **Annual CROP Walk October 6**. [Sign up to be a walker or make a donation here](#) We gather at Lake Katherine in Palos Heights on **October 6** at about 1:30 pm - and the walk is at 2.

And very soon . . .

**October 11 - Oktoberfest!**

**October 26 - Trunk or Treat**

And, as always, please let me know if there are any who could use a pastoral visit.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Kirk

### ***A Peace sermon preview for September 29, 2024***



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

# Godless Book





The book of Esther tells the story of the survival of a persecuted people

They're worried that they may not survive -- individually and as a culture.

Historically Hebrew people have experienced this threat many times

Today the Palestinian people are experiencing it.

Indigenous peoples on this

continent have experienced this.

There are many more people who live in persecution and worry for survival

- LGBTQIA+ Folks
- People who live with mental health problems
- People of color
- So many people who are part of populations marginalized by others in powerful places.
- Maybe even the church itself -- wondering if we will be able to continue into the future.

What did Esther do? She was proactive -- she took action to take charge of the future.

### ***With God's help?***

Well, the book of Esther never mentions nor alludes to God. It's a Godless book. Esther saved herself and her people.

What are we supposed to learn from that?

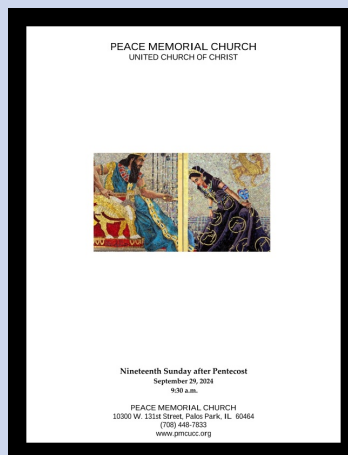
*I can do all things through me who strengthens me?*

That doesn't seem to fit into our understanding of God. Or does it?

Do we live knowing God is ever present -- someone who listens, helps, and guides?

Or do we think we can and will save ourselves?

Both messages are in the Bible.





## Calendar for the week of September 29- October 6, 2024

### Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

### Wednesday, October 2

7:00 a.m. - Volunteers

### Thursday, October 3

1:00 p.m. – Bible Study/Chapel

6:30 p.m. – Choir practice

### Saturday, October 5

10:00 a.m. - Tom Ward Memorial service

2:00 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals/Pavilion

### Sunday, October 6

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation class

2:00 p.m. – CROP Walk/Lake Katherine

## This Week's Birthdays

### September 27

Ruth Van Hecke

Michelle Kiela

Lisa Korbitz

### September 28

Lori Mason

Beverly Baker- Meyer

### October 1

John O'Neil

### October 2

Dave Skala

Bob Mohr

### October 3

Michelle Betcher

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

**Ushers 9-29-24** – Jim Keyser, Rudy Wehofer, Alan White, Karen Blaser

**Ushers 10-6-24** – David Johnson, Pam Cornyn, Bill Blaser, Pat Ostrowski

**The Flowers on the Altar** are in honor of **Lori Mason & Charley Smith's birthdays** by Scott Mason, Quentin, Melissa, Mason, and Kellyn Maguire.

A Gift Has Been Given in Honor of **Jim Keyser's Aunt Mary Cantway** who will be celebrating her 110th birthday on September 30th.

**Celebrating our September birthdays, Happy Heavenly birthday Mary Kammrath** and in honor of **Lori Mason, Charley Smith, Chris Duebner, & Melissa Maguire** from Lori Mason & Charley Smith.

**A special thanks to everyone at CREW/BigBuild** for their quick response and helping to keep me calm. Thank you to the entire congregation for your prayers and concern. Theresa Graben



Memorials in Honor of:

**Virginia Bailie's 100th birthday**, September 28th, by Phyllis Collins.

**Barb Miller** remembered by Gary & Verna Kwiatkowski; Den & Judy Kirscher.

New Prayers: **Lin Vondrak**, Carmen's daughter-in-law, recuperating after back surgery.

Continued Prayers: For **Ken Swenson** recovering after cancer surgery; **Pam Kueltzo** recovering from hip surgery; **Kathy Faulkner** in Palos Heights Rehabilitation Center; **Christine & Joe Ferrantelli's friend** had their baby and prayers for the long road ahead; **Karen Blaser** after a stay at Silver Cross Hospital; **Nancy Di Novo** having back issues; **Tom Ward**, Rich Lisak's son-in-law, after his sudden passing; **David Hook**, prayers for healing and strength; **Russ Hook** for healing and strength; **Jeanine Gerard** in long term care, prayers for healing and strength; **Helen Espinoza** prayers for healing and strength; **Gordon Sieveke** prayers for comfort and peace.

**Today Phyllis Collins will be sponsoring any purchases made at Peace Café. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the sheet posted at the café.**

A little reminder for the month of September:

**Please save the "pop tops" from your canned goods and beverages during the month of September. These "pop tops" will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn.** The Ronald McDonald House partners with the United Scrap Metal company by selling the "pop tops" to them. The funds earned from the sold "pop tops" help provide resources for the families in need at the Ronald McDonald charity. Containers are available in the Narthex where you can deposit your "pop top" donations during the month of September. Thank you for participating in this project.

**Blessing of the animals, next Saturday October 5th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Pavilion. Bring your pets for the annual time of blessing.

**Bible Study meets every Thursday, September 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**PMC Prayer Bears** continue to be a symbolic source of spiritual comfort for physical and emotional wellbeing. If you have a loved one who is experiencing any health conditions who may be hospitalized or undergoing chronic treatment for illness, please take one of the bears. They are located in the small wagon behind the last row of Pews in the sanctuary. They represent the connection to our church's spiritual message and prayers that resonate each Sunday. If you would like to donate toward purchasing new bears or bears themselves, please send your donations to the church office.

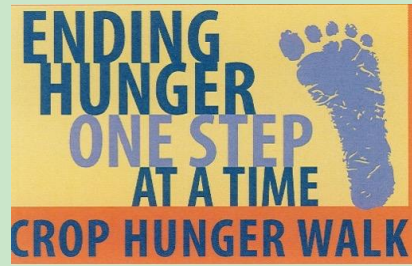
**We would like to thank Holly Pacholski, Rosemary Freebeck's daughter, for making cards and restocking our card ministry.** Please check out all the new cards and grab one for a special occasion or just because. All donations go to Christian Education.

**CROP WALK 2024 is Next Sunday!**  
**The BIG event is October 6th at Lake Katherine**



You can participate as a walker, a sponsor, or both!

[Join the PMC team today!](#)



Any time -- even during the worship service -  
You can donate electronically to PMC through  
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!

## PMC CREW BIG BUILD 2024

Last Friday and Saturday, September 20-21, volunteers from our membership and the surrounding community constructed the walls of two homes which will be assembled at a Habitat for Humanity site in Benton Harbor Mi. This event was the seventh in a partnership with PMC CREW (Peace Memorial Church Community Rehabilitation by Ecumenical Workers) and Help Build Hope of Louisville Ky. which has resulted in the construction of 15 Habitat homes over the last several years! THANK YOU to all who contributed to this event with your hands and your monetary donations. We together are the hands of Christ!







## Children in Palestine

Defense for Children International—Palestine has just this month released [Targeting Childhood](#), a new report documenting, through a series of case

studies, how since October 7, 2023 Israeli forces and settlers have been systematically and unrelentingly killing Palestinian children, in most cases using live ammunition. The report's overview states that, "On average, Israeli forces have killed a Palestinian child in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, every two days since October 7, 2023" through July 31 of this year. This frequency represents an alarming escalation of what the report names as Israel's "de facto policy of shooting to kill." What does this escalation look like in percentages? According to the report, "20% of all of the Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces and settlers in the occupied West Bank in more than two decades were killed in the last ten months."

***As disciples of Jesus, peacemaker, justice seeker, and liberator, the United Church of Christ Palestine Israel Network affirms the dignity and sacredness of all people, stands against oppression and injustice, and works for peace with justice in Palestine and Israel.***





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](#).





*Join us for the next installment  
on our continuing journey  
through the music of the church  
for the last several hundred  
years*

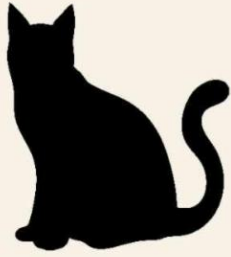
**Saturday September 28th  
6:00pm**



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# Blessing of the Animals



OCTOBER 5TH 2:00PM  
IN THE OUTDOOR PAVILION



BRING YOUR PETS FOR THIS ANNUAL TIME OF  
BLESSING AT PMC



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Peace Memorial Church

# Oktoberfest

Friday, October 11th, 5 - 9 PM  
10300 W 131st, Palos Park

**LIVE MUSIC, DANCING,  
GREAT FOOD & DRINK!**

To benefit Peace Memorial Church  
and PADS Ministries

Adults: \$15

Children 5-9: \$8

50/50  
RAFFLE

CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES

SILENT  
AUCTION

Tickets Available at  
Church Office 708-448-7833





Saturday October 26th  
2-4pm

Join us for  
Peace Memorial Church's

## TRUNK OR TREAT

We welcome our neighbors and community members to join  
us for this FREE event!

•Please bring individually wrapped treats to pass

•Set up at 1:30pm!

•Wear your costumes!

•Decorate your trunk!

PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH  
10300 131ST ST.  
PALOS PARK

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