

Friday, September 6, 2024



Peace Weekly



From the Pastor
Rev. Kirk Moore

Come be a Piece of Peace!
Join us for
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
Sunday September 8th!
Come for worship &
stay for the FUN!
Games!
for kids & adults
Music!
and so much more
Food will
be provided!

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Celebration Sunday!

Confession time. Until 25 years ago, I'd never heard of Rally Day, or a fall event called Celebration Sunday. After serving at a church for a few months, some of the people came and asked me what kinds of things were happening for Rally Day that year.

"What's Rally Day?" I asked.

"It's the day everyone comes back to church after the summer." They responded.

"What do you mean, comes back to church?"

"You know, Sunday school starts and people come back from vacation and everyone who just took off for the summer comes back to church."

"What happens during the summer, then?"

"Not much."

Over the years I've become less naïve about summertime and about Rally Day or Celebration Sunday, but there is something I've not forgotten. Worship continues here at Peace Memorial Church in all seasons. We have reasons for all to join in worship every Sunday and for all to be a part of this community of faith.

But that doesn't mean we don't have special celebrations, too.

One of those celebrations comes this Sunday. September 8 is Celebration Sunday. We'll dedicate our teachers for the year. We'll kick off the fall season of Sunday school as we welcome students to their new Sunday School grade. We'll have a great time in worship and a great time of fellowship afterward with games, food, and music!

It's a great Sunday to invite a friend to church too!

And while I have your attention, please remember these other fall opportunities:

September 20-21: The Big Build (3:30-6 Friday, 7:30 - 1:30 Saturday)

September 28: Music: The Language of Faith II - 6:00 pm

October 5: Blessing of the Animals - 2:00 pm

October 11: Oktoberfest! - 5-9 pm

This Celebration Sunday, September 8, please join us for worship. The sermon, based on Mark 7:24-37, is called "Opened." There's a preview below.

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 8, 2024



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

**I still have an
AOL email**



address

If you've ever gotten an email from my personal account or somewhere seen something related to me that has the name "Prouddog" attached to it, you may have wondered what it means. Why would I use the name prouddog? Really – wouldn't kirkmoore be something much more

understandable? Where does this prouddog come from?

About 30 years ago, when I thought it would be cool to have a 'CB-like' online handle, I created "proud dog" as a result of my reaction to this week's Bible reading from Mark 7:24-37. Over the years, the name and its significance has evolved, but the name is still the same. Verse 28 refers to the good fortune a dog under the table has to catch the children's crumbs. I realized much later that choosing a name like kirkmoore would have made better sense, but I wouldn't have the same story to tell.

In the first part of this week's Bible reading, we've got a tired and crabby Jesus. He was trying to get away from everyone by hiding in a house. A persistent woman with a sick daughter found him and asked that her daughter be healed.

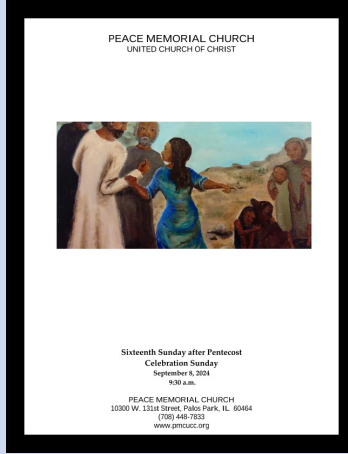
Jesus' response was less than kind. The snarky remark about feeding the children (the Hebrew people) before the dogs (the Gentiles -- the woman who found Jesus was Syrophenician -- a Gentile) wasn't at all nice to say. The comment was bigoted, insensitive, rude and offensive. But the woman gave it right back to Jesus: "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." (the flavor of her comment is something like, "Stop being so full of yourself. Everybody has to eat.")

I love Jesus' response: "For saying that, you may go. The demon has left your daughter." It's as if he was saying, "OK -- you got me -- I'm feeling a little crabby, and you're right -- I'm here for everyone -- thank you for reminding me."

Jesus -- the miracle maker, was also fully human. He was tired, and he needed a break, for his sake! He understood mood swings, exhaustion, probably depression and anxiety, making snarky comments - and even learning a lesson from another person.

The first part of this week's Bible reading and my experience with it paints a picture of Jesus that is unexpurgated: real, genuine, raw, and authentic.

Yes.



Bulletin for Sunday, September 8, 2024

Calendar for the week of September 8-15, 2024

Sunday, September 8

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. – Celebration Sunday Picnic

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 p.m. - Alzheimer's group

Wednesday, September 11

- 7:00 a.m. – Volunteers
- 10:00 a.m. – Buildings & Grounds meeting
- 3:00 p.m. – PADS
- 7:00 p.m. – CE meeting

Sunday, September 15

- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Pavilion/Youth Center usage

This Week's Birthdays

September 6
Theresa Graben
Derek Hevel

September 7
Rachel Jones

September 9
Zane GIII

September 10
Jada Perry

September 11
Amanda Ferris
Eric Kueltzo
Matthew Moore (Pastor Kirk's Son)

September 12
Carlton Meyer
Carol Ritter

News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

Memorials in Honor of:

Melvin Mozwez remembered on his birthday, September 11th and the anniversary of his passing, September 19, 2016, by his wife Carol.

Joseph H. Urbauer passed away September 11, 2018, remembered by his wife Carmen and daughters, Dorinda and Kris Urbauer.

John M Schneider remembered on the anniversary of his passing, September 5th, and on his birthday, September 12th. Remembered by Elaine, Chris and Laurie, Jason, Amanda & Ryan, (grandchildren) Matti, Claire, Chloe, and Chris Jr.

Ushers 9-8-24 – David Johnson, Pam Cornyn, Bill Blaser, Pat Ostrowski

Ushers 9-15-24 – Darryl Onak, Shawn Roorda, Sue Ritter, Dave Skala

New Prayers: **Carol Mozwez** recuperating after a mini stroke; **Christine & Joe Ferrantelli's** friend had their baby and prayers for the long road ahead.

Continued Prayers: For **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 strength and healing.

DO NOT ENTER

Zion Hall is OFF LIMITS for renovations from Tuesday, September 17th through Monday, September 30th. If you need anything from the kitchen or any of the closets, please get them out before the Friday, September 13th.

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

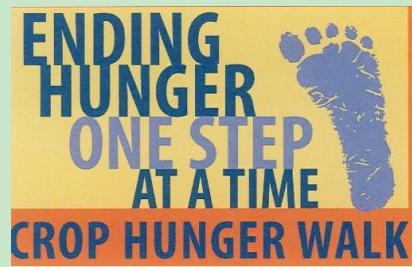
Bible Study begins for the fall on September 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

PMC Prayer Bears have been successfully revived!

They 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.

SAVE THE DATE!! CROP WALK 2024
The BIG event is October 6th at Lake Katherine
[Join the PMC team today!](#)



Naper Pride is hosting their 3rd annual Pride Fest on Sept 14th from 12 Noon to 10 PM at Naper Settlement in Naperville. Admission is \$10 [pre-ordered online](#) or \$15 at the gate, children 17 and under are free. There will be 70+ vendors and several food trucks on site, good music and beverages. Visit the [Naper Pride website](#) for more details!



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!



Churches for Middle East Peace Condemns the Escalation of Settler Violence and Illegal Land Confiscation in the West Bank

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) unequivocally condemns the escalating violence perpetrated by Israeli settlers in the occupied West

Bank and the ongoing illegal confiscation of Palestinian land. We stand in solidarity with Palestinian families facing dispossession and violence, as well as with those who have been wrongfully detained for defending their internationally recognized human rights.



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](#).



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2 DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



DAY 1 SEPT 20TH 3:30-6PM

Cut and sort materials. Experienced professionals needed for cut. All welcome to help sort.



DAY 2 SEPT 21ST 7:30AM-1:30PM

Build and assemble wall sections. Individuals age 5+ at all skill levels are welcome! This year we will be building the walls for 2 houses. Once the project is complete join us for a dedication of the completed project and loading the walls for transport Habitat For Humanity




2024
BIG BUILD WEEKEND

On September 20-21, 2024 we will be constructing the walls of two houses to benefit Habitat For Humanity!


Come join us!

Saturday participants will receive continental breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt.

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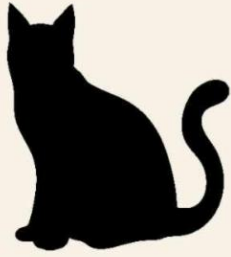
*Join us for the next installment
on our continuing journey
through the music of the church
for the last several hundred
years*

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



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Blessing of the Animals



OCTOBER 5TH 2:00PM
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