

Friday, October 4, 2024 (10-4, good buddy!)



Peace Weekly



From the Pastor
Rev. Kirk Moore



World Communion Sunday

That's this Sunday, October 6. Folks from all over the world will be celebrating communion together. One

community. All of us sharing together. Everyone welcome.

I love that.

And also this Sunday? CROP Walk! We'll gather at Lake Katherine about 1:30 pm and the walk starts at 2 pm. As is now tradition, I'll be strolling with a guitar too! You can sign up to walk, donate, or both [here](#).

If you're getting this email on Friday the 4th, remember that on the 5th at 2 pm we're having our annual Blessing of the Animals! We'll meet at the picnic pavilion at PMC. Bring any pet you'd like, but remember to please keep dogs on leash, cats in carriers, snakes, crabs, mice, salamanders in shoe boxes, fish in bowls, elephants wherever they want . . .

And very soon . . .

Next Friday, October 11 - Oktoberfest! (Get your tickets this Sunday)
October 26 - Trunk or Treat

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

A Peace sermon preview for October 6, 2024



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



Equal Terms

Why do we use the Bible to cut people down?

It's too easy to look at the first part of this week's reading from Mark 10:2-17 and think, "Wow – Jesus hates divorced people!"

Context is REALLY important here, however.

In Palestine at the time Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees, divorce was all about what the man wanted and what the man did to make the divorce happen. Women had no power in the situation. The Pharisees brought Jesus a question that was a trap. He couldn't answer it without angering some.

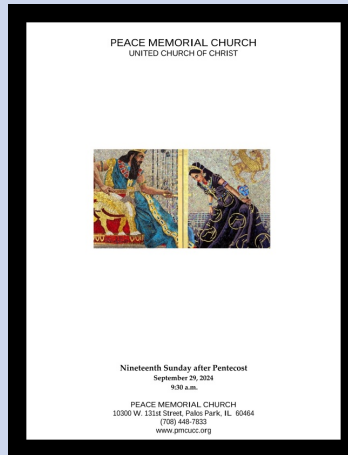
So he angered some. He asked them what the law of Moses said. Then he answered a different question -- without dealing with the legality of things. Jesus talked about the ideal for marriage. He talked about it in equal terms with men and women.

Equal terms.

Equal terms in marriage and divorce – and the equality of children with adults. Jesus took the trap and showed the Pharisees and the disciples that marriage was intended to build up both of the people in the marriage. He showed the Pharisees and the disciples that their rules caused trouble when they sought to use them to take power and persecute someone else.

Marriages fail for many reasons. People are too quick to start saying things like, “Well, they were abused – so of course we won’t hold a divorce against them” while at the same time saying, “Irreconcilable differences? What kind of excuse is that? What has happened in our society where people just throw away their marriage vows like yesterday’s trash?!”

Why do we use the Bible to cut people down?



[Bulletin for World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024](#)

Calendar for the week of October 6-13, 2024

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

Tuesday, October 8

- 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental
- 7:00 p.m. – Alzheimer’s group

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

- 1:00 p.m. – Bible Study/Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. – Choir practice

Friday, October 11

- 5:00 p.m. – OKTOBERFEST

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service/Pastor Judy preaching

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

12:12 P.M. – (first tee) CREW golf outing

Birthdays

(we accidentally omitted a couple last week)

September 29

Richard Przybylski

Chloe Schneider

News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

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

Ushers 10-13-24 – Sue Ritter, Dave Skala, Carol Ritter, Gordon Sieveke

A Thank Offering has been given to Christian Education CROP walk for renewed health for **Lori Mason** and **Charley Smith**.

Memorials in Honor of:

Barb Miller remembered by Tom & Joanne Bockmann; Linnea & Mark Rimkus; Tom & Elaine Angone and family; the entire Skala family.

Tom Ward remembered by the entire Skala family.

New Prayers: **Linnea Ferrantelli** and family in devastated Ashville N.C.

Continued Prayers: For **Lin Vondrak**, Carmen's daughter-in-law, recuperating after back surgery; **Ken Swenson** recovering after cancer surgery; **Pam**

Kueltzo recovering from hip surgery; **Kathy Faulkner** home from Palos Heights Rehabilitation Center; **Christine & Joe Ferrantelli's friend** had their baby and prayers for the long road ahead; **Karen Blaser** home after surgery at Silver Cross Hospital; **Nancy Di Novo** having back issues; **Cindi Ward** after the sudden passing of her husband **Tom Ward**, **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.

Today Keith and Kathy Koch 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.

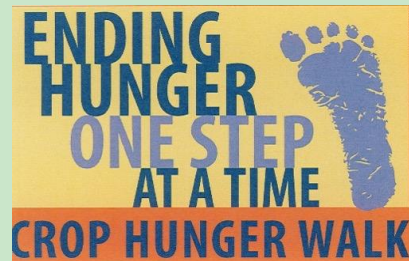
Bible Study meets every Thursday, September 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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 This Sunday, October 6!
Meet at Lake Katherine at 1:30 pm -- the Walk begins at 2
You can participate as a walker, a sponsor, or both!

[Join the PMC team!](#)



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!

[A Joint Statement on the Current Crisis in Lebanon and the Middle East](#)



Global Ministries

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ

"He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." – Isaiah 2:4

This past week and a half have been devastating for our siblings in Lebanon, where thousands have been injured and hundreds killed, the result of coordinated Israeli attacks through personal communications devices and airstrikes in southern and eastern Lebanon, Beirut, and elsewhere. These attacks have added to the anxiety, panic, and fear of an already-stressed population, and have resulted in deaths and destruction unknown in scope so far. We know that a new incursion or large-scale war on Lebanon would be ruinous. And we know the United States continues to be complicit in its support of Israel's unchecked offensives, which now also include air raids on Yemen.

We pray for the injured and their families. We pray for peace and comfort for those who have been displaced and those who mourn, in a country that continues to grieve and heal from previous losses.

The Lebanese people have suffered. Schools are closed. Hospitals are overwhelmed. Tens of thousands are displaced, injured, or killed. Their land and communities are shattered by continued assaults, and their livelihoods destroyed, as the country experiences an ongoing economic crisis as well. Residents of northern Israel, too, are impacted by the exchange of missiles, their lives uprooted. The UN met on Sept. 20 in an emergency session, and a UN spokesperson said that Lebanon and the region are “on the brink of catastrophe.”

Last week’s attacks in Lebanon took place as the UN General Assembly met and voted to demand an end to Israel’s illegal occupation of Palestinian lands within a year, following the International Court of Justice’s advisory opinion issued this July.

We pray for the people and our partners in Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank, Yemen, and in Israel who are responding to the crisis and for our mission personnel living in the region. Along with our prayers, we commit to support their efforts in attending to the emerging needs of the people as they care for the injured and bury the dead.

This war, now being fought on many fronts, must end. As people of faith with commitment to justice and peace, we call on world leaders to attend to the escalation of Israel’s aggression in the region. We join the voices in the global community calling for ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the operation in the West Bank, and for an immediate de-escalation of this intensifying crisis in Lebanon and Yemen. We condemn Israel’s provocative campaign of assassinations.

We support the UN resolution calling for Israel to comply with international law to “withdraw its military forces, immediately cease all new settlement activity, evacuate all settlers from occupied land, and dismantle parts of the separation wall it constructed inside the occupied West Bank.”

Isaiah spoke of God’s judgment, a message that nations and people will be held accountable for our actions. We are called to do all we can to take actions to strive for the day when we will see a just world for all, the day when God’s peace – a peace with justice – may prevail.

Join us in prayer: God of mercy and justice, we yearn for the day when prophecy is fulfilled and weapons of war become tools for planting and harvesting goodness, the day when war is set aside and forgotten. We long for the day when your peace prevails, when all your children will enjoy the richness and fullness of life. Today, we lament as that day is not yet here, and it seems a distant hope. We wait in hope. O God, grant us strength and courage in that task.

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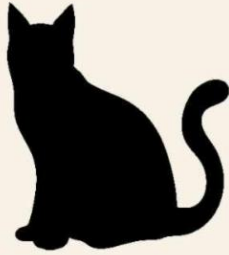
Did you miss church? [Catch up on last Sunday's service here](#). And feel free to share recordings of past services with others who might like to learn more about Peace! You can subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) and also the [Worship Services Playlist](#).



UCC issues appeal for those impacted by widespread destruction of Hurricane Helene

The United Church of Christ has launched an appeal and opportunities to support recovery efforts following the devastating path Hurricane Helene has left across the Southeast United States. If you'd like to make a donation, you can [click here](#), or mark a donation "Hurricane Helene Relief" to PMC. We'll forward relief donations to the UCC disaster ministries.

Blessing of the Animals



OCTOBER 5TH 2:00PM
IN THE OUTDOOR PAVILION



BRING YOUR PETS FOR THIS ANNUAL TIME OF
BLESSING AT PMC



Peace Memorial Church
10300 W. 131st St.
Palos Park

pmcucc.org



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

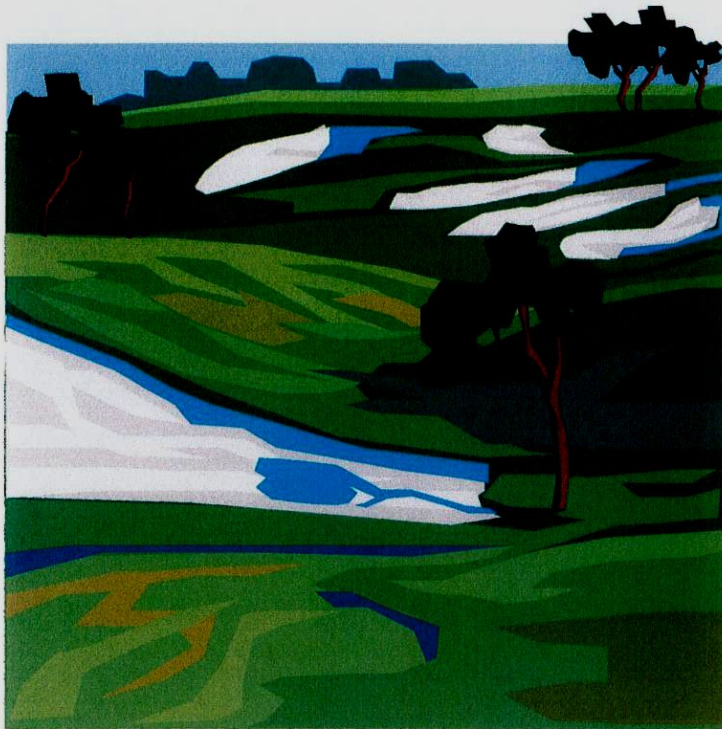
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RAFFLE

CHILDRENS
ACTIVITIES

SILENT
AUCTION

Tickets Available at
Church Office 708-448-7833





OCTOBER 13, 2024

PMC CREW

(Peace Memorial Church Community Renovation by Ecumenical Workers)

Annual Charity Golf Outing

PMC CREW is one of the many mission groups at Peace Memorial Church. CREW has actively partnered with Habitat for Humanity, and Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer MI., helping both with fund raising and construction projects. The proceeds from the outing this year will help fund the Big Build at PMC on September 20th and 21st. We are building 2 habitat homes in the PMC parking lot. Please come out for golf and dinner, or just for dinner and some fun with the Redneck Raffle! Sponsor a Tee Box with your business or personal message. Any and all donations are appreciated. Your contribution will help us make this a successful event. MANY THANKS!

Dennis Kirscher, PMC CREW

Silver Lake
Country Club
North Course
First Tee off 12:12
Cocktails 6:00
Dinner 6:30

Golf & Dinner \$130
Dinner only \$42

Tee Sponsorships
Gold \$500
Silver \$250
Bronze \$125

All tee sponsorships
directly support the
C.R.E.W. Big Build

RED NECK RAFFLE AND DINNER AFTER GOLF

Prize Donations
WELCOME

Contact PMC Office
708-361-6661

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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
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PALOS PARK

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SAMANTHA
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What is Heaven?

What is Hell?

Reflections on Ultimate Concerns

Combined Advent Study

Reflections on heaven and hell by UCC authors of the God is Still Speaking: The Writer's Group



Join five UCC congregations in discussing ultimate concerns.

The 5-Week study will be each Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Beginning Sunday, November 10th



Each of the sessions will be on Zoom.

Please let your pastor know of your interest by

Sunday, November

3rd so you can receive a link to the sessions



Peace Village

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

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